Kinnock hails gain of 300 seats

Tory relief as London bucks Labour trend

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

THE Conservatives bucked the trend of Labour's sweeping national success in local elections yesterday by consolidating their hold on the flagship London borough of Westminster.

In a result which brought relief to the the City, boosting shares and the pound, the Tories increased their majority in Westminster from four to 30. In capturing 13 seats there — after the 17 they had gained in Wandsworth - the Conservatives succeeded in proving a point

on the poll tax. Their tactical gamble in focusing attention almost exclusively on Westminster, reduced the pressure for dras-wandsworth and Bradford — tic revision of the community Wandsworth and Bradford which fell to Labour - succeeded in diverting attention from Labour's advance elsewhere. Labour gained some

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Maypoles and Morrismen

Most people will want to be outdoors this weekend, and our pages have many ideas for a sunny Bank Holiday.

On Page 42 there is a country-wide round-up of events including traditional May festivities phis historic houses and gardens to visit. For gardeners, the good

news is that time spent watering in a dry spell may be unnecessary. Most lawns and plants can manage help from a hosepipe: Page 41

 For walkers, Chris Bonington comes down from the mountains to extol the beauty of the Lake District: Page 33 - and we suggest a weekend walk in Warwickshire: Page 41

 For crossword enthusiasts, indoors or out, there is a Bank Holiday jumbo crossword with five prizes of £50: Page 42

Boyhood of a 'hellraiser'



Richard Harris was wild as a child, but there was another side to him - a teenage poet. "I was reticent about it. I would have been regarded as a sissy. A big strapping Irish boy like me writing poetry." Page 31

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Pointers to the Derby

The 2000 Guineas is run today at Newmarket and provides indications of the form of contenders for the Derby. Card, form guide and feature on Richard Hannon, who has fancied runners Rock City and Tirol: Pages 50, 51

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STATE OF THE PARTIES

With results from 200 councils, seats gained and lost are as follows:

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Lab	436	136
L/Dem	144	192
SDP	5	30
SNP	16	12
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Others	Ğ	18

300 seats overall on what Mr Kinnock said was a "very bad day for Conservatives". But spokesmen for all parties agreed that the results in the four years ago. With results in two London boroughs with the lowest poll tax had charge and eased immediate questions about Mrs Thatch-

While Labour argued that the results showed Mr Kinnock on course for a general election victory, the Tory achievement in winning two of the three flagship authorities on which it had been prepared to be judged took the spotlight off the Opposition's success. Ministers had argued that if the three were won, the principle of the poll tax would have been proved to be acceptable and that it was a question of the right level of

What pleased Tory strategists in particular was the immediate reaction in the City. With the prospect of an inflation rate of around 10 per cent next Friday, they had feared a drubbing in local elections could have drawn them into a vicious spiral by pound. That might then have forced up interest rates to a disastrous level and faced them with a leadership crisis. The FTSE 100-share index was 27.3 points up at 2162.2

points after opening 12 points Even in Scotland the story of the elections was the massacre that did not happen. Although the Conservatives were beaten into third place behind the Scottish nationalists with 19.5 per cent of the vote, their support did not

collapse as forecast. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher's position had been "consolidated", and Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrats leader, whose party performed better than expected, said: The immediate intense heat is going to be off Mrs Thatcher." While Mr Kinnock

repeated his prediction that she would step down before the next election, other Labour spokesmen conceded that her position had eased at least for the moment.

Among the widespread political ramifications of the elections, Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative party chairman, re-emerged with credit after a period in the doldrums and Mr Michael Heseltine, who had been preparing to capital-ize on the unpopularity of the poll tax, was left with something of a dilemma.

Overall, the picture was of solid Labour gains on top of the 485 the party made when the seats were last contested from 200 of the 201 contested councils, Labour had net gains of 300 seats, the Tories net losses of 191. Dr Jack Cunningham, the campaign co-ordinator, said they were Labour's best results ever in local government.

One surprise was that the Liberal Democrats, also starting from a high base of four years ago, had net losses of only 48, comfortably outperforming their opinion poll standing. It appeared to be the first flicker of a revival for centre-party politics.

With only one result to come, Labour had won Bradford and Chorley from the Tories, and gained Basil-don, Kirklees, Milton Keynes, Great Yarmouth, Watford, Southampton, Crewe & Nantwich, Waveney and Merton which had had no overall control. But Labour strategists are looking closely into the party's disappointing showing in London.

Mrs Thatcher said: "Overall, the opinion polls have been confounded. And they have been confounded because the community charge is beginning to work. It will increasingly bring the profligate and inefficient to book."

Mr Neil Kinnock drew delight from his party's perfor-mance, which included the capture yesterday of Merton council in south London from no overall control, to add to his overnight seizure of the other Tory "flagship" in Bradford.

The Labour leader said during a series of interviews that the party did extremely well while the Tories did extremely badly.

He said: "We shall win the next general election and yesterday's result was a very effective test."

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Latvia declares itself independent republic

By Our Foreign Staff

independent democratic rep-ublic" last night in the first stage of a process intended to take it out of the Soviet

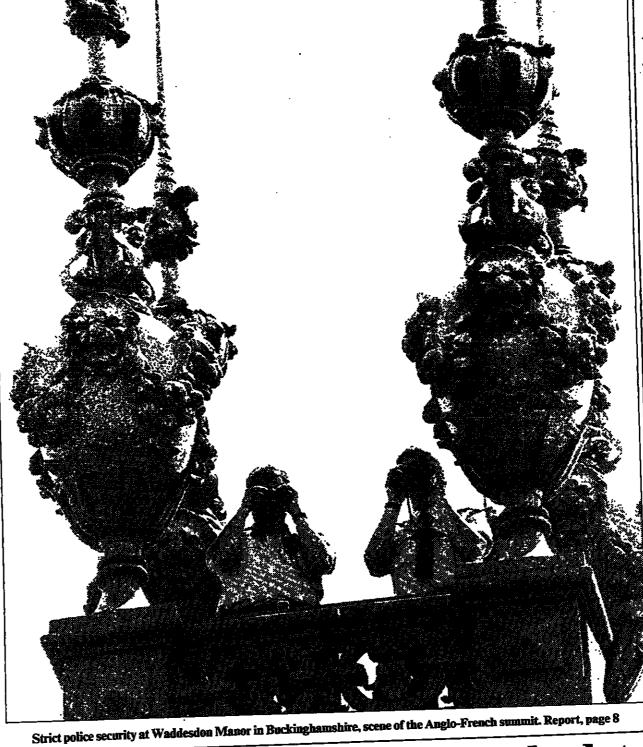
Deputies voted by 138 to 0, elements of the Constitution of the pre-war Latvian state which was forcibly absorbed into the Soviet Union along with neighbouring Estonia and Lithuania in 1940.

But 57 deputies boycotted the vote and in a conciliatory

LATVIA declared itself "an gesture to Moscow, the parliament voted to set aside key practical issues for future biiateral talks.

An article from the 1922 Constitution, which was readopted by the parliament, with one abstention, to restore defined the republic's territory according to its pre-Second World War borders, which include a region that is now part of the Russian Federation, the largest of the Soviet republics.

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Showers to cool holiday joys

By Harvey Elliott

SOAK up the sunshine while you can, for the elements seem determined to maintain the 12-year-long tradition of bringing a shiver to the bank holiday devised by Mr Michael Foot, when he was Employment Secretary, as a working-class day of celebra-

The high pressure which has brought record temperatures is gradually slipping away and, even though it will be replaced by another early next week, a temporary band of clouds, showers and, possibly, thunderstorms will make its way south over the country tomorrow and Monday.

Even so, says the Meteorological Office, there will still be plenty of sun and temperatures should reach about 18 centigrade compared with the mean average of 15 centigrade for this time of year. This is, however, considerably cooler than the 26 or 27 degrees centigrade which gently roasted virtually the entire country yesterday and sent millions of city dwellers

heading for the countryside. The rush to take advantage of the long weekend was already bringing the inevitable bottlenecks on the busiest roads to the coast by midafternoon and the Automobile Association said that over the whole weekend some wellknown blackspots - such as the Winchester by-pass could become intolerable. Tens of thousands of fam-

abroad for the holiday well Continued on page 18, col 8

Dog foils IRA bomb plot

PEBBLE, an Alsatian dog Three shots were fired at him. aged two and a half, thwarted Three men were seen running off, making their escape an attempt at mass murder at through a large hole cut in the British Army barracks in Hanover early yesterday. The West German anti-terrorist driven off in a waiting car. in charge of the inquiry, said the failed attack been sleeping in the hut were had all the hallmarks of the evacuated, and a search

IRA's work". it was just after 2am when an army-trained British civilian guard on patrol at Langenhagen barracks in the north-west of the city was alerted by Pebble to activity outside an accommodation hut about 25 yards from the perimeter fence. The guard, who was unarmed, shouted a challenge and ran forward.

wire. They are thought to have The 20 soldiers who had discovered three elements of a bomb - a detonator and two packets of Semtex explosive

either case have done tremen-

tainly involved considerable loss of life. The guard was alert, an army spokesman said. He averted what would have been a mass murder."

British and West German bomb-disposal experts were called in and by 9am made the explosives safe.

Dr Hans-Jurgen Forster, spokesman for the squad, weighing more than 2001b - which has considerable experby the wall of the hut. The tise in such attacks, said there explosive had not been prop- was no doubt that the IRA had erly placed, and it was not been responsible. The 1st clear whether it was meant to Postal Courier Regiment be two bombs or one, but that based at the barracks is part of amount of Semtex would in the Royal Engineers and was the victim of the Mill Hill dous damage and almost cer-

Talks a victory for all, Mandela says

By Our Foreign Staff

THE Pretoria Government and the African National Congress last night announced an "important breakthrough" in agreeing to work together to end political violence in South

President de Klerk said his meeting with Mr Nelson Mandela, deputy president of the ANC, had been a great step forward and an "important breakthrough in the peaceful process which we want to take place". Mr Mandela added:
"We are all victors — South Africa is a victor.

The two sides issued a joint communiqué after their threeday meeting addressing obstacles to negotiations over a new constitution and with a common commitment to ending the climate of violence. But neither side agreed to any immediate specifics, although the Government undertook to look at the lifting of the state of emergency imposed in 1986 and urgently to examine the question of returning exiles and the definition of political

They said they had made important progress toward creating a normal political climate, which would clear the way for bringing blacks into the national Government.

"The Government and the ANC agree on a common commitment towards the resolution of the existing climate of violence and intimidation from whatever quarter as well as a commitment to stability and to a peaceful process of negotiations," the statement said.

It added that a working group would report by May 21 on ways to overcome remaining obstacles to constitutional negotiations. But Mr de Klerk said that no date had been set for further talks between the two sides.

The two leaders praised each other's sincerity and determination to find a peaceful solution to South Africa's racial divisions.

The joint statement outlined five steps to be taken to try to settle remaining ANC demands for full-scale negoliations They includ working group to handle practical matters; granting of temporary immunity from prosecution for political offences for selected top ANC officials; a government review of existing security legislation; and establishing communication between the two sides to halt violence.

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Israelis 'fired on' Husain

From Martin Fletcher Washington

THE US State Department confirmed yesterday that an Israeli patrol boat had opened fire on the Jordanian royal yacht in the Gulf of Aqaba last Saturday when King Husain was on board.

A spokesman said that the US ambassador in Israel had asked the Israeli Government for an explanation last Tuesday, and had been told that the shooting was inadvertent.

An Israeli military spokesman said the Israeli naval vessel had been conducting a "routine weapons check" near the yacht, but that no shots were fired directly at the King. who was on the deck.

The King reportedly took command of the yacht and it moved into Saudi waters. ilies had already decided to go

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How we make

our watches ahead of their time.

Without question Rado's revolutionary new DiaStar Integral is a watch ahead of its time. One of the most sophisticated time-pieces on the market today.

This watch is the product of the most advanced scratch-proof technology. Both innovative and a pleasure to wear.

Our designers are committed to a search for perfection of form and function. It's why we have a reputation for producing the world's most ergonomic watches. They actually mould to the anatomy of your wrist.

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Ridley bans export of 'Three Graces' By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent pursue that whole question, knowing scenarios. As the rules stand, the current

MR NICHOLAS Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade, refused an export licence for Canova's "The Three Graces" yesterday. The decision, taken a month after the export ban officially ended, overrides the contract between the Cayman Island company which owns the statue and the Getty Museum in California, which had

been prepared to pay £7.6 million for it. The news also gives hope to the heritage lobby, which has been energetically campaigning to get the statue back to Woburn Abbey, for which it was originally commissioned. "It is the first battle won," said Mr Marcus Binney, president of the lobby group Save Britain's Heritage. This week, he had been attempting to prove that the sculpture was removed illegally from Woburn, by taking the case to the High Court for judicial review. Now we can

that the Government recognizes the statue's importance, and will not be granting a licence at any time," he said. The decision was coupled with another announced simultaneously by Mr Ridley: that from now on private buyers will be allowed to step in and match the market price of a given work of supreme heritage importance. But it does not mean the work is automatically "saved" for the nation.

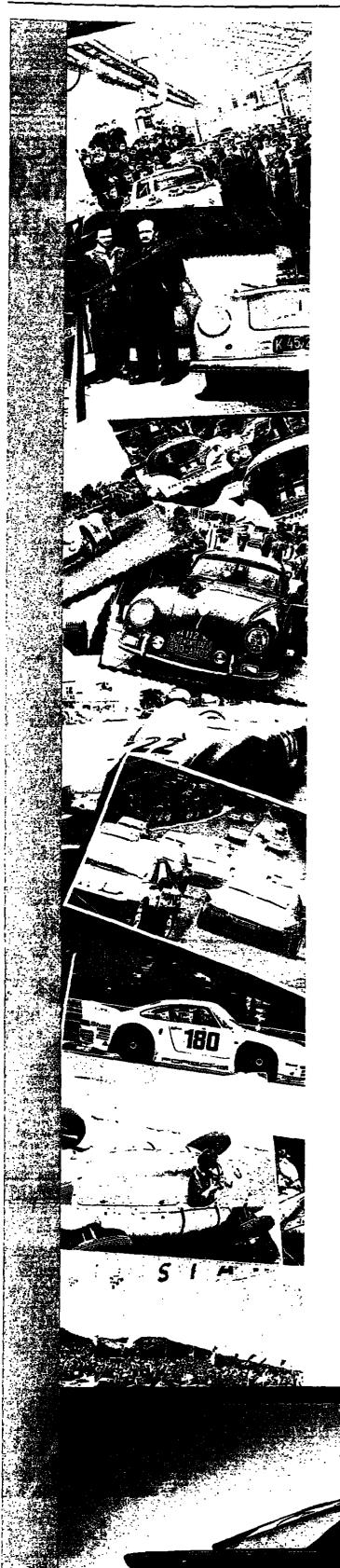
He said he hoped the second decision would mean an injection of private money into the art world, "creating a greater funding base" for the acquisition of great works. "I am confident that this will enable a larger number of these outstanding heritage items to remain in this country." Gloomy specialists, however, predicted any number of future

owners are allowed to wait a few months, raise the price, and then apply again for a "We might keep it. That is a very great possibility that we apply later. I don't know what the rules are going to be."

said Maitre Luc Hafner, the lawyer for Fine Art Investment and Display Ltd, which currently owns the sculpture. Miss Anna Somers-Cocks, editor of Apollo magazine and a Canova campaigner, pointed out a further, related scenario whereby the sculpture could be sold to a private buyer, who then puts up the price and applies for a licence in his

hoopla all over again," she said. Heritage lobbyists insist that the only way to save the work in perpetuity is for it to be owned by a public collection.

own name. "Then we will start this



60 TO 0 IN 3 SECONDS. IS THERE NO STOPPING PORSCHE ENGINEERS?

Imagine for a moment that you are hurtling down the Mulsanne straight at Le Mans in a Porsche 962, at a speed approaching 240 mph.

(Depending on your disposition, this is either a dream come true or a nightmare.)

At the end of the 6 kilometre straight is a sharp and bumpy right-hander, which is coming at you with the speed of a door slamming you in the face.

Your fate, as you approach the infamous corner, is no longer in your hands.

It rests with some rather academic-looking men miles away in Germany.

At the Porsche Research and Development Centre in Weissach, to be precise.

In what seems like a split second, the car's speed has been reduced from 240 mph to

Suddenly, you have rounded the corner with consummate ease and accelerated into the night.

3.7 minutes later, you will repeat the whole episode. If you finish Le Mans (which Porsches usually do) you will complete the exercise over 350 times during the twenty-four gruelling hours of the race.

And as you bathe in the glory of yet another success, those Porsche engineers from Weissach will have already begun the painstaking process of examining every component of the car.

Most importantly, the brakes.

For with the ability to produce the awesome power of a Porsche goes the responsibility of harnessing it safely.

Which is particularly true of the Porsche in our picture, the 944 Turbo.

Its 2.5-litre, 250 bhp engine makes it one of the most powerful production cars of its kind ever built.

It is quite capable of reaching 161 mph, accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 5.6 seconds* in the process.

In fact, such is the respect afforded the igine by Porsche engineers, it has a brak ing system derived from Porsche's racing prototypes.

Thus to restrain the 944 Turbo, four piston fixed caliper disc brakes are fitted to all four wheels as part of a hydraulic, front to rear dual circuit system.

(If that sounds highly sophisticated, rest assured, it is.)

Naturally, though, Porsche engineers

didn't stop there. The Turbo has a specially developed ABS system which can increase, hold or reduce braking pressure depending on how much

each tyre is in contact with the road. So that if, for instance, an animal appears in your headlights while driving on a motorway at night, you can 'floor' the brake pedal

design incorporates inlets in the nose section which 'ram' cooling air at them.

Stopping a Porsche safely, however, is not left solely to the brakes.

To create a better balanced, more stable car, our good engineers decided to break with tradition and mount the gearbox in the rear. Known as the Transaxle drive line system, it gives the Turbo virtually perfect weight distribution.

The power steering is also involved.

Unlike other systems which simply make the steering feel artificially light, Porsche power assistance adjusts the amount of power you receive to how much the car actually needs, giving you complete control at all times.

To make sure the driver doesn't feel left out of this engineering tour de force, a sophisticated electronic dashboard information system keeps you in touch with all the engine's primary functions.

Of course, helping you control your Porsche is only one of the joys of being a Porsche engineer.

Talk to them about the smoothness of the Turbo's engine and they will wax lyrical about the lack of vibration courtesy of the dual balancer shafts.

Approach them on the subject of its performance and they will give you chapter and verse on the racing pedigree of the engine and the fact that even the catalytic converter does not affect the enormous power output.

Casually enquire about the stability of the Turbo and they will bend your ear concerning the new rear spoiler, the low profile tyres, the limited slip differential and the famous ground effect' technology, which uses air flow under the car to reduce lift at high speeds.

Indeed, give them a chance and Porsche engineers will go on for hours about their job. Which is only to be expected.

After all, for years they have designed cars have served as examples of technica

excellence to every car maker in the world. The 944 Turbo is but one example. The 911 Carrera 4 all-wheel drive is another. The 5speed 928 GT, yet another.

Is there no stopping Porsche engineers? What do you think?

To see a 944 Turbo stopped in its tracks, contact your local Official Porsche Centre listed in Yellow Pages.

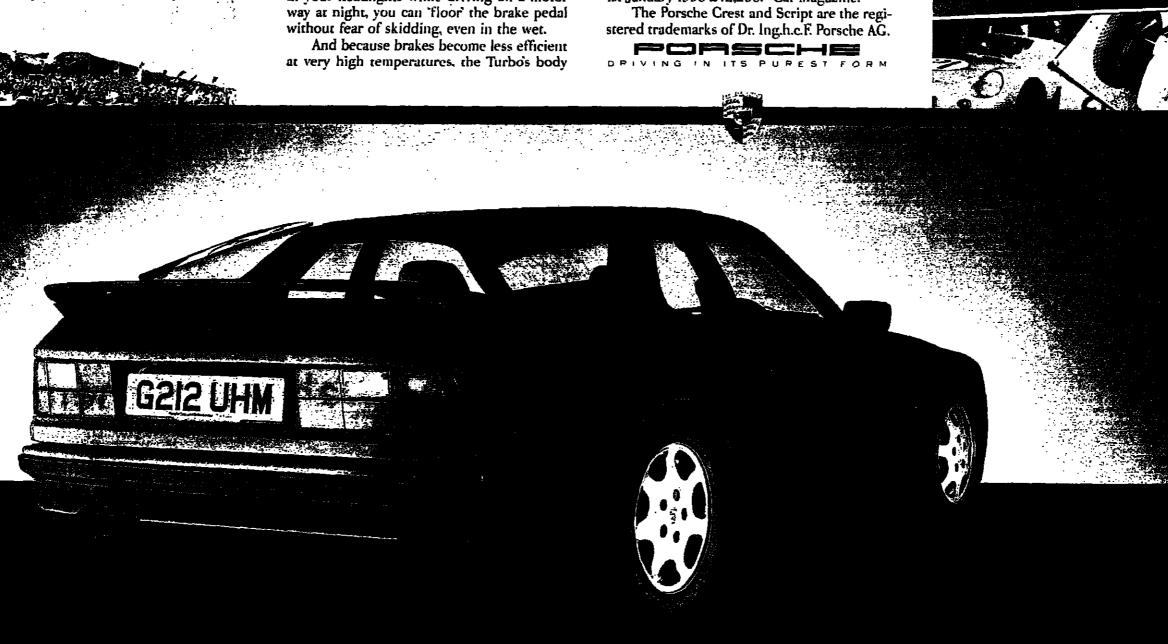
For further information on the 944 Turbo, Diplomatic Sales or tax exempt personal exports, contact Customer Relations, Porsche Cars Great Britain, Freepost, Reading RGI IBR. Tel: 0734 323959. Fax: 0734 303713. Telex: 846465. Porsche 944 Turbo price at lst January 1990 £42,296. *Car Magazine.

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مكذا من الأصل Consultants warned on abusing NHS contracts

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

mingham for allegedly abus- dited accounts are obtained. ing their health service Maximum part-timers are less contracts by doing too much easy to hold to account as they

New tighter contracts an-mounced by the Government on Thursday are expected to prevent the abuse from next April by giving consultants rigid timetables for most of the clinical work they carry out. The medical profession has maintained that less than 10 per cent of the 16,000 consultants in England and Wales are failing to fulfil their NHS duties.

An inquiry by West Midlands regional health authority was launched in February after Mr Terence Davis, Labour MP for Birmingham, Hodge Hill, gave the Public Accounts Committee a list of 87 consultants who were allegedly doing private sessions at the Priory Hospital in Birmingham dur-

ing normal working hours. Mr Ken Bales, regional general manager, has, how-ever, written to Mr Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, advising him that 69 of those accused of not fulfilling their NHS contracts have now been cleared.

up because they had retired or no one had heard of them and two were not consultants. Another 47 whole-time and maximum part-time consultants were holding sessions at the Priory but were not exceeding the sessions they are allowed to do privately.

Of the remaining 22, 13 fulltime consultants were allegedly carrying out one fixed session in the Priory during working hours and nine maximum part-timers were holding two sessions in the private seven half-day clinical seshospital during the working

Under existing regulations consultants working for the

4% interest.

8% interest.

EIGHTEEN consultants are reduced. If abuse is suspected under investigation in Bir-copies of the consultants' auprivate work, it emerged are allowed to undertake as much private practice as they like provided that they still

fulfil their NHS contract. However, Mr Bales assured Mr Nichol that where the conflict between NHS and private commitments were to the detriment of the service, sieps would be taken to resolve this and "the consultants concerned will required to conform with the arrangements of his or her contract whether full-time or maximum pan-time".

Since his letter to Mr Nichol at least four more consultants have been officially cleared, a regional spokesman said yesterday. The remainder have been warned that where their private work appears to conflict with NHS duties they will be followed up individually by the general manager.

It seems unlikely, however, that any of the individuals will be subject to disciplinary ac-tion. "We had a great deal of difficulty getting any information about these consultants' working patterns," the spokesman said. "Under the new arrangements it should be Sixteen of the samed much easier to find out if they consultants were not followed are sticking to their NHS contracts."

Nearly half NHS consultants have full-time contracts which require them to work 38.5 hours a week. A third of consultants have maximum part-time contracts and are paid 10/11ths of the full-time salary, which averages £30,000. They have to work 35 hours a week for the NHS.

. Under the new measures announced consultants will be given job plans which specify a strict timetable for five to sions a week, such as out-patient clinics and operating

The British Medical Associ-NHS full time are only ation last night argued that allowed to earn 10 per cent of, both under existing regulaation last night argued that their gross NHS salary from tions and under the new rules private work. If they exceed there are are no fixed limits on this over two consecutive the number of sessions consulvers they are automatically seeds do privately, provided redesignated as maximum, NHS compartments are part-timers and their selary is stabilited.

TV film to be handed to Times

A JUDGE yesterday allowed film from a TV documentary. Crimes of War, to be handed over to The Times to prepare its defence in a £150,000 defamation action at Edin burgh Court of Session nex

Mr Antony Gecas, of Edinburgh, alleges he was defamed by articles in 1987 referring to his role in a Lithuanian police battalion in the last war.

Plot denied

Mr Hajdin Sejdija, aged 38, a Yugoslavian businessman accused of being involved in a £23 million attempted fraud against Britoil, yesterday told the High Court in Aberdeen that he had nothing to do with the case. He said the alleged plot was "for dreamers". The trial resumes on Tuesday.

£10m hitch

A £10 million scheme to restore the centre of Bath, including work on the Georgian baths, may be delayed after the developer's parent com-pany went into the hands of receivers. The city council is waiting to see whether Health and Leisure Holdings will be able to carry out the work.

Car sales drop

New car sales in April totalled 166,913, 12.74 per cent down on April 1989. During the first four months of this year 749,459 new cars were sold. 8.88 per cent behind the 1989 equivalent. More than half were imported, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Capital codes switch in blaze of glory

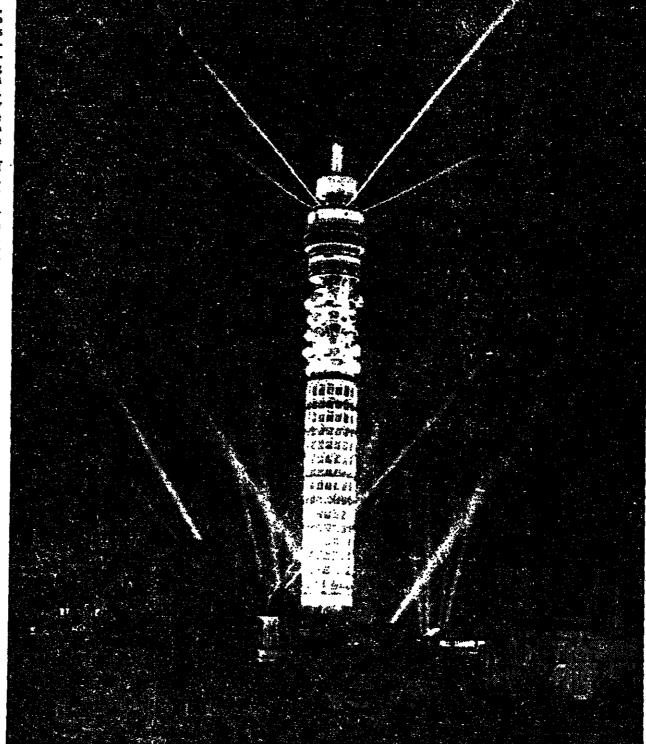
BY TUESDAY morning. when the country returns to work, a quarter of businesses in Britain will still be un-prepared for the biggest over-haul of London's dialling codes in 25 years, British Telecom warned yesterday. The company says that nearly a quarter of businesses within the capital have also failed to make changes in time for the new codes, As the fireworks go off

around Telecom Tower at midnight tonight, the 01 telephone code will change to 071 for inner London and 081 for outer London. The new codes will draw a line around an area of central London from Fulham in the west to Canary Wharf in Docklands, and from Brixton in south London to Kentish Town in the north. British Telecom's scheme to double the capital's capacity of 4.5 million numbers, which has been overburdened by the upsurge of businesses in the ity and Docklands, has cost £30 million.

The company said it was confident the changeover would go ahead smoothly. However, after a year-long advertising campaign, the response from British businesses has been decidedly low

key. British Telecom has issued 75 million tables explaining the new codes in 16 different languages, on audio tape and in braille. It has also placed advertisements in newspapers and on television and sent out more than 400,000 check-lists to businesses, urging them to reprogramme private switch-boards and fax machines and to reprint stationery

However, according to a survey carried out by the firm last week, nearly a quarter of London's 380,000 businesses and 30 per cent of firms nationally have failed to respond to the changes. Although most people questioned were aware of the switch, only 34 per cent of companies outside the capital knew they would have to dial 071 or 081. Alan Coren, page 12



A spectacular light show around Telecom Tower will herald the introduction of the new dialling codes tonight

TIGHTER SECURITY AT BASES ABROAD

Unarmed dog handler foils IRA bomb raid

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent THE intervention by an un- at barracks in West Germany. to escape. Since last year ties that, despite last year's wrecking a store used by the

Germany yesterday has revealed one of the extra security measures ordered by the Ministry of Defence after attacks last summer.

A comprehensive review of security at military bases in Britain, West Germany and other foreign facilities was carried out and a special budget of £126 million, to be spent over three years, was approved. One measure was the deployment of civilian dog handlers, backed up by armed guards.

Military chiefs had been particularly concerned at the number of incidents last year when terrorists had succeeded in breaching perimeter fences by but the terrorists managed

armed civilian dog handler in It was decided that patrols by foiling an attempt by IRA armed guards should be more terrorists to blow up the frequent and that every base accommodation block at should have dog patrols as Langenhagen barracks in West well. Rather than turning to the Royal Army Veterinary Corps for experienced dog handlers, it was decided to contract civilian handlers. This was part of the MoD's individuals. Although it was tion blocks to attempt maxipolicy to release trained milipersonnel from routine

> guard duties," one source said. In yesterday's incident, the extra security at the Langenhagen barracks in Hanover was rewarded when the dog handler saw the three terrorists inside the perimeter. But because he was unarmed, he was unable to return fire when the terrorists shot at him. British military sources in West Germany emphasized that armed guards were close

physical security arrangements at British bases in West Germany have been transformed. They include imposing new front gates and powerful lights.

Last year the review exam-

ined ways of enhancing secoutside their barracks, it was decided that warnings for all personnel to be vigilant should be kept up on a permanent basis. Since last year the British forces' television service in West Germany has had a regular warning programme for all 70,000 soldiers and airmen.

Yesterday's attempt by terrorists to attack another Brit-

capture of a suspected IRA 14th Topographical Squadron active service unit in West Germany, other units are still at large on the Continent.

In the past two years, the IRA has increased its campaign against the British military in West Germany, often urity for bases and for concentrating on accommodarealized there was little that mum carnage. On May 3 his wife and four children 1988, a bomb was found by an injured when a bomb exalert guard under a car inside the huge Bielefeld base.

On July 13 1988, two IRA terrorists cut through a barbed wire fence near the sleeping quarters of 35 Squadron of the three servicemen and one woman civilian suffered minor injuries when a bomb exploded outside the perim- months were shot dead outish barracks has confirmed the eter fence at the Roy barracks side a petrol station near the belief of the security authoring authoring the security authoring Ratingen, near Düsseldorf, Wildenrath RAF base.

of the Royal Engineers. On June 19 1989, there was an JRA bomb attack on the headquarters of 12th Armoured Brigade, 23 Engineers' Regiment

On July 2.1989, Corporal Steven Smith of the Royal Tank Regiment was killed and ploded under their car outside their home in Hanover. On August 28 1989, the IRA planted a bomb under a sergeant's car outside his home in Hanover. He spotted Royal Corps of Transport in the bomb, after checking Duisburg. On August 5 1988, under his car. On October 26 1989, RAF Corporal Maheshkumar Islania and his baby daughter aged six

BT gave wrong phone tap number

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

À SUBSCRIBER'S telephone was wrongly tapped last year because of a clerical error by British Telecom, it was disclosed yesterday.

A report by Lord Justice Lloyd into warrants for intercepting telephone calls and letters relates how a Metropolitan Police Special Branch request for a telephone tap on a terrorist suspect went wrong. British Telecom was asked to run a check to make sure it could put a bugging device on the suspect's telephone. Un-fortunately it quoted the

wrong telephone number. "Even more unfortunately the clerical error was not picked up by Special Branch. So when they applied for a warrant the next day, their application referred to the wrong number," Lord Justice

The Home Office checked the telephone number in the application by consulting British Telecom. They confirmed the wrong number from their records. A warrant was issued and the interception of the wrong number commenced on 14 March 1989."

He added that the mistake came to light soon through the monitoring of another "target" and the telephone tap was stopped the day."Fortunately there was only one call on the wrong number during the period of interception. It was not transcribed."

The trend, he said, has shifted away from issuing warrants on the grounds of counter-subversion towards interception of calls and letters to terrorist suspects.

But by far the largest number of warrants issued by the Home Secretary were connected to serious crime with 60 per cent of police warrants linked to large-scale drug

trafficking.
A total of 24 per cent of police warrants covered armed robbery cases and 16 per cent involved fraud, largescale receiving and other serious crime.

Interception of Communication Act 1985: Report of the Commissioner for 1989 (Stationery Office, £2.20)

Banknote row

Dhaka - Muslim groups have opposed a new Bangladeshi bank note with the Islamic inscription - "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) as being against religious rules and demanded that they be withdrawn. (AFP)

which would you prefer on your current account?

(bit of a stupid question really.)

Woburn villagers in dispute over cobbled car park

The Bedford Estates include Woburn and Woburn Abbey,

By Ruth Gledhill

A GEORGIAN village in the public highway in 1830. heart of Bedfordshire, owned by the Bedford Estates and home to Lord Tavistock, has become embroiled in a battle over its cobbled car park.
Shopkeepers attacked the

estate as "feudal" after workmen arrived at 5am yesterday morning and chained off, a cobbled area. The Pitchings, in Market Place, Woburn, used by visitors as a car park. The workers installed seven

tubs planted with geraniums and miniature conifers on The Pitchings, which have belonged to the estate since the time of Henry VIII. Although the estate owns: the freehold of the land: 1 is

said to be part of a public highway. Bedfordshire County Council is to serve Bedford Estates with a notice under section 143 of the 1980 Highways Act requiring it to: A 1792 map from Bedfordshire County Council's ar-chives shows The Pitchings

public highway: Photographic

records show it in use as a

clearly designated as part of a

Lord Tavistock: Estate at heart of dispute

We are a very small village and most of our trade is passing trade.

Mr Peter Gregory, admin-istrator for Woburn Abbey. the home of Lord Tavistock, heir to the Duke of Bedford. said The Pitchings was being Miss Tricia Sharp, who runs the Woburn General Trading damaged by parking. "The Company, described the escouncil does agree that the tates actions over the car park as "dictatorial". "This will riparian owner of The Pitchings is the Bedford Esaffect all the shops in Woburn. tates. We are contending that There is a car park 200 yards it is our land and that we came down the road but most to an agreement with the people do not know it is there. parish council that parking on The Pitchings would cease when an adequate car park

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an asphalt car park, costing more than £70.000 to provide over 150 spaces. We have fulfilled our part of me-hargain. Now we are tailing for the bargain to be closed.

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Bedfordshire County Council agreed that the Bedford was the uparian

Police fail to beat **London burglars** By Opentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

LONDON'S overall recorded cent. There is evident embar-

crime rose by 8 per cent in the rassment, however, over the year to the end of March, suggesting that the recent upmay be accelerating.

The increase, after a 5 per cent rise in 1989, includes rises of 28 per cent in recorded sexual offences, 17 per cent in assaults, 10 per cent in mur-ders and 11 per cent in domestic burglaries. The total number of offences reported climbed by 53,900 to 770,500. The surge was, however, partly offset by improved

detective work by police who cleared up 133,300 crimes during the year, a 10 per cent increase, in 1989 the clear-up fate rose by 6 per cent. Police are also pleased that fewer muggings and robbenes

were reported vindicating they say special campaigns mounted to tackle such the person — the official term

performance against burglars. In spite of the growth in turn in the number of offences
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schemes and intensified police efforts to deter break-ins, there were 101,900 domestic burglaries in the year to March 31. Burglaries of commercial premises rose from 49,000 to 52,500, a 7 per cent increase.

Police continue to claim that most of the increase in recorded sexual and violent offences stems from better reporting of such crimes. Commander Richard Monk, of Scotland Yard's territorial operations department, said domestic violence accounted for 15 per cent of the 32,500 assaults recorded in year.

Police were, however, concerned about the figures for violent and sexual offences. There were 912 recorded rapes crimes. Recorded thefis from over the year, a 14 per cont rise, and 161 murders.

for gruggings - dropped by 17 The overall crime rate in per cent from 7,000 to 5,800, England and Wales rose by 4 while robberies fell from per cent in 1989, reversing the 17,800 to 17,400, down 4 per progress made in 1988.

warming theory as sun shines on Experts reject global link between weather and a build up Particles could pull the atmosphere pear, plum and cherry blossoms also

By Nick Nuttall **Technology Correspondent**

THE unseasonally high hearwave in Britain abated imperceptibly yesterday as temperatures across the country fell fractionally. Central London was around a degree lower at 26C with the Welsh hills record-

Meteorologists said they expected the stationary anticyclone over Britain which caused the heat wave

to decay into the bank holiday. Tomorrow will still be sunny but showers could form in the afternoon and cooler temperatures across the country will be carried into next

week. Meteorological Office staff in Bracknell did not ascribe the soaring. temperatures to pollution-led global

A spokesman said: "Six out of the 10 warmest years this century occured in the 1980s. Overall there has been a half a degree rise in surface temperatures since the 1900s. Possibly this is portentous. but the figures also show a peak in the 1940s before coming up again. Trying to say what the trend really is . is quite impossible at the moment."

Professor Robert Pearce, professor of meteorology at Reading particles, which sails through space University said it was unlikely a

of carbon dioxide and other green- about and lead to unusual weather ... occurred ... house gases in the atmosphere will ... some experts suggest. be established within 10 years. The effects of frost earlier in the

Dr Bob Riddaway, head of forcasting at the London Weather 'Centre, said several other theories have been put forward to explain the high temperatures of recent years. In the solar cycle some scientists have - April after a mild winter, caused attempted to identify as an 11 year. and 23 year pottern.

Increased activity on the sun's surface causes formation of powerful solar winds, a body of charged

year are worrying farmers as much as the threat of drought and possible Sub-zero temperatures in early

widespread "ear death" in winter-sown wheat and barley according to the Royal Agricultural College in Circucester, Gloucestershire, Frostaffected cereals have been noted inparticles, which sails through space theory southern and central counties, striking the Earth's atmosphere. Widespread frost damage to apple,

"The winter-sown cereal crop was very forward, growing rapidly and very lush because of the warm winter and then it was hit by nightrestrictions on water for spray nime temperatures of SC Mr irrigation (Michael Hornsby writes). Richard Overthrow, a regional man-Richard Overthrow, a regional man-ager at the college's Arable Research Centres, said.

"Cereal crops are very good at compensating by putting up new shoots and these should be encouraged by the hot weather, but the frost is likely to lower yields. particularly if we are in for a long speil without rain."

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Conservatives claim firm recovery of fortunes in Scotland

By Kerry Gill

PREDICTIONS of an electoral disaster for the Conservatives in Scotland have failed to materialize, leaving the party leadership delighted and claiming that Labour has passed its popularity peak.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish party chairman, looked more like victors when they held their post-election media conference in Glasgow. Both said the results showed a firm recovery in Conservative fortunes and that Labour was on the slide.

These were brave words for a party which received just 19.5 per cent of the vote and was beaten into third place by the Scottish National Party, which won 21 per cent. Labour, meanwhile, took 44 per cent of the vote and retained control of Strathclyde, Fife, Central and Lothian

Labour is expected to try to form administrations in Grampian and

Tayside, where in both cases it is the largest party. Overall, however, Labour lost its share of the vote compared with four years ago and slipped nine points from a popularity rating of 53 per cent in an opinion poll last month. The same poll placed the Tories at only 15 per cent.

Mr Forsyth said the Conservative campaign had been extremely successful in pointing out the advantages of the community charge against Labour's proposed property tax. He said: "Labour gained seats, but they lost the argument and they lost votes. This has made it perfectly clear that we are on our way back." He nevertheless conceded his disappointment at the Tories' performance in Grampian where the party had high hopes of a breakthrough.

It was clear that the Conservatives managed vastly to increase their vote in their natural heartlands. In areas such as the Eastwood suburb of Glasgow, and in Stirling, where Mr Forsyth is the local MP, they defied expectations that their vote would drop. Mr Forsyth attributed those and other gains to good organiza-tion. He also announced that the Tories would set up a forum of Conservative councillors to co-ordinate policy. The party also hoped to build support in other areas where it felt it could make gains in time for the general election.

Mr Rifkind was equally bullish. Labour, he said, would be worried about the outcome. "Despite all their proud boasts, they have done far less well than they expected. We have run a vigorous. active, well-organized campaign and there has been a significant increase in our vote. We achieved this throughout Scotland at a time when the Government is going through a difficult period. That gives us encouragement."

The Scottish National Party also claimed success yesterday after increasing its share of the vote. The party received 21 per cent of the vote and the

leadership believes that is a firm base for the general election. The most significant advance was in Grampian where the SNP increased its seats from six to 14 and might now form part of a coalition administration. In Strathclyde, there was some disappointment when Mr Danny Coffey, the party's group leader, lost his Kilmarnock North seat to Labour.

The nationalists also failed to win any of the three regional seats in the Govan parliamentary constituency held by Mr Jim Sillars, although in each case the Labour majority was substantially reduced. Mr Gordon Wilson, SNP leader, said the results showed steady progress in the run-up to the next election. The nationalists, he added, had increased their share of the vote by more than any

"For the third successive election we have out-polled the Tories. Two years ago, at the district elections, we were fighting against a demoralized Labour

Party cringing from a third successive general election defeat," Mr Wilson said.

Labour took comfort from an increase in seats right across Scotland. Only in Tayside and Central regions did the party emerge with a net loss. Labour's sweeping victory, however, was no surprise given its overwhelming support in Lowland Scotland.

Mr Murray Elder, the Labour Party's secretary in Scotland, said he was "very satisfied" with the results, pointing particularly to Strathelyde where his party has been, and will remain, unassailable. He said: "It is the fault of the Tories if such domination by Labour is had for democracy. They have put up an abysmal show in these elections."

Mr Donald Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scottish affairs, said he believed the party had held on handsomely. "I am very pleased. We have had some good results, especially in the Govan consut-

Sweet joy for Tories as left's strongholds fall

they would win. That is very encouraging for the general election.

"Overall, the results are very satisfactory. Look at Fife, Lothian and Strathclyde. These are amazingly good per-formances by the Labour Party."

Mr Malcolm Bruce, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, said: "We are very pleased with the overall result. We have confounded the commentators who had predicted that we would be squeezed and suffer a net loss." The Liberal Democrats made gains in Fife, where they took four extra seats, and also in the Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, and Tayside. There was disappointment, however, in the Strathelyde seat of Inverciyde West when, after seven recounts, the party lost to Labour by one

Mr Roger Winter saw victory in one of the Nairn seats on Highland Regional Council, making him Scotland's first Green Party councillor.

Party strategists all find victory in the statistics

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

ALL parties were crowing seats at stake on Thursday over the local elections in the were last contested. But in the stomed morning-after ritual, but it was Labour that had most to celebrate, with some 300 net gains.

Dr Jack Cunningham, the ator, was able to boast that there would be twice as many Labour councillors as Conservatives in the seats that had been contested. Claiming that it was a giant stride towards victory at the next election, Dr Cunningham said: "They were the best-ever local government results for Labour. If these elections were a referendum on the poli tax, Mrs Thatcher has been given emphatic notice to quit. Labour now has a formidable political base from which to launch a successful general election campaign."

Mr Bryan Gould, the environment spokesman, said Labour was the only winner. "Defending the 1986 result. which was in itself exceptionally good, we made further advances, winning another 14 councils."

The result in Bradford meant the Tories controlled only two of the 36 "electoral battlefield" metropolitan districts. Labour was taking particular pleasure from advances in the West Midlands and in the South, where it picked up seats in such areas as Brighton, Southampton, Portsmouth, Exeter, Swindon, harn said: "These are the neral election battlefields and Labour is taking the high

He and Mr Gould brushed aside Labour's reverses in party politics in Britain." London, saying those seats had been "bought" by the any distillusioned remnants of massaging down of poll tax Dr David Owen's SDP to join levels on a scale the Conservatives could not afford to contemplate nationally.

Labour would have won the 1987 election had it repeated the vote it achieved in the "stategic hamlets" policy of local polls in 1986 – when the spreading out from the re-

event the Conservatives won with a 100-plus majority. Asked why history should not repeat itself, Mr Gould argued that the 1987 result had been party's campaign co-ordin- achieved against the background of a economic boom. This time there was no prospect that Mr John Major, the Chancellor, could engineer such an economic upswing.

Secondly, he said, the centre party Alliance had been strong in 1987, but had since withered away to create an age of two-party politics. That claim was hotly contested by Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrats' leader, whose party again performed better in the polling booths than on opinion pollsters' clipboards.

With the Liberal Democrats also having started from a high base line after the Alliance's capture of 293 seats in 1986, Mr Ashdown claimed that it was three-party politics that had returned.

In 1986, the Alliance had been at 27 per cent in the ppinion polls, compared with the Liberal Democrats' 6 per cent showing today, and in losing only 37 seats, the party had a "firm base" to build on.

Mr Ashdown said his party's share of the vote was only three percentage points below its general election score. With around 20 per cent of the popular vote, the Democrats or 7 per cent. He told a press at which the tax was levied. conference: This election Sir Geoffrey Howe the marks the end of the difficult post-merger period. It marks the re-establishment of three-

Clearly hoping to persuade the Liberal Democrats, Mr Ashdown refused to be drawn into comment on the SDP performance. He agreed that his party had embarked on a

doubts to which it had retreated during hard times, but the nationwide appeal of 1985. 86 and 87 was not there yet.

The Green Party's vote, he argued, was below that obtained in the county council elections last year, and certainly the Greens had failed to capitalize on their per-formance in last year's European Parliament elections when they took 15 per cent of the vote and took third place

his personal standing as party chairman clearly enhanced after a period under fire -- was able to claim success for his strategy of playing up the poll tax rather than trying to avoid the subject.

jewel in the crown" authorities in Wandsworth, Westminster and Bradford become the focus of the campaign nationally by which the public, and the City, would judge the results, proved successful when two out of three were comfortably held.

Conservative MPs agreed that the poll tax was not had done much better than the indefensible politically, but Bristol and Bath. Dr Cunning-opinion poll predictions of 6 that it was a matter of the level

adjustments were needed.

taking some private satisfaction from the City's reaction to their better-than-expected performance, which they saw as a sign that deep doubts remained in those quarters about the prospect of any Labour advance to power, for all the reasssurance offered on the prawn cocktail circuit by such Labour ambassadors to the financial community as Mr John Smith and Mr Gor-

don Brown. The Tories were pleased to have held on to Trafford against some expectations. Pondering why they should have done better in areas such as Ealing and Hammersmith than in Lambeth, they noted that Tory candidates tended to do better where there was some local memory of a council being in Conservative

Party strategists also noted that there were clearer results in unitary authorities whose spending could be clearly identified a lesson which may bear fruit in local government legislation if they retain power at the next election.

The Conservatives will now be looking closely at forthcoming opinion polls to see if the seeming move to the Government in the last few days is continued.

in many constituencies. For the Conservatives, a buoyant Mr Kenneth Baker -

The gamble of letting the

yesterday that the success in Westminster and Wands-worth had reduced the pressure for radical reform of the tax and lent some weight to Mr Baker's argument that if the "jewel" authorities were held, they would have proved

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the Tories had succeeded in challenging the perception that Labour was riding on the crest of a wave of popularity. The results showed they were right to stick to the basic principle of the community charge, but would see how it worked in practice and if any

Conservatives were also



Power base: Mr Martin Mallam, the new leader of Conservative-controlled Ealing, the home constituency of Mr Neil Kinnock. By Arthur Leathley

FOR those Conservatives pointing to London election results as the most hopeful for the party, few successes can have been sweeter than those in Ealing and Brent,

The joy of wresting power away from Labour in the popularly-dubbed "loony left" Borough of Brent was matched by the glory of victory in Ealing, the home the Labour leader,

It is name of Brent, however, which will strike the more familiar chord throughout Britain. The north-west London borough has become synonomous during the last four years with hard-Left domination, overspending and a stream of legal wrangles with the Government.

Among the more extreme strategies which attracted constant media attention was the council's "anti-racist" policy, leading to the dismissal and subsequent reinstatement of headmistress, Mrs Maureen McGoldrick, and other teach- needed was a firm hand to put

Council, in the constituency of

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of

Labour exploited the un-

uniform business rate to take

popularity of the tax and the

three seats from the Conser-

vatives and one from the

Liberal Democrats. As a result

the Tories have lost their

seven-seat majority and the council is hung". The Conservatives have 24 seats,

Labour 11 and the Liberal

Mr Jeff Higgins, Conser-vative mayor-elect, retained

his Abbey seat but his 500-

vote majority of four years ago

was reduced to 142. Mr Denis

Democrats 13.

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ers for alleged racism.

Several million pounds of rent arrears, large grants paid to minority groups and a decision to make Nelson Mandela a freeman of the borough have all helped Brent borough.

Now, after losing nine seats to the Tories and two to the four-year reign is over. The Conservatives, however, are still three seats short of the overall majority which they expected but which has eluded them since 1971.

The balance of the new hung council now rests with the Liberal Democrats, who doubled their number of seats Mr Roger Stone, leader of

the Conservative group, admitted that a hung council "could be the worst of all worlds".

He said: "That is disappointing. What Brent really

vatives will thus retain

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The Tories are hoping to

exploit the political dif-

ferences between Labour and

the Liberal Democrats to keep

control of the council. Mr Brian Hamlen, Conservative

leader, said he was dis-

appointed to lose overall con-

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would remain the ruling party.

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ANGER over the poll tax cost Liberal Democrats. Conser the Tories control of Bath City vatives will thus retain

Lovelace, Labour group lead-er, said Labour would not said his party had "done as form a political pact with the well as we had expected."

committees.

right all that has gone wrong they will have to earn the under Labour during the last four years.

we will have to look very closely at how we can do things without total control. earn the tabloid newspaper In one way it could be the tag. "Britain's barmiest worst of all worlds unless there is some strong governing

With 31 Conservative seats admits that such strength may take some time to achieve. "We may have to wait for byelections but it will come."

In the meantime, he is anxious to retrieve the one third of Brent schoolchildren who are now now educated outside the borough - "a dreadful waste of millions of pounds'

He cites basic street cleansing services as a main priority, as well as repaying millions of pounds of debts. Mr Stone is also adamant that the £495 poil tax figure can be slashed to £100 by next year.

The Conservatives know

support of the Liberal Democrats, whose leader, Mr John "We have not got that and Hammond, said immediately that there would be no cosy pact with either large party.

In Ealing, where left-wing influence was less extreme, Tory pleasure in winning takachieved literally on Mr

One of the 15 Ealing seats which the ruling Labour group lost to the Conservatives was in Walpole ward, where Mr Kinnock himself had voted earlier, pausing first to blame Mrs Thatcher for the effects of

the poll tax. Mr Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing North, said:: So much for Neil Kinnock's influence in this borough. He has been opening this and attending that - but all to no avail.

Ealing has delivered a stunning blow to Labour, recognising Labour in its true and nasty colours, spendthrift, swing has been the opposite."

Westminster defies polls

wasteful and discriminatory." The local tax became a significant issue during the campaign, with Ealing setting an above-average charge of

The Conservative gains from Labour, together with two seats won from the ing control was heightened by Liberal Democrats, give them the fact that victory was a majority of 10 on the council, holding 40 seats to

Labour's 30. A Labour spokesman said: "Ealing has been in the throes of quite a large- scale reorganisation decentralisation in the borough and I am told that that has had a very local boroughwide effect. Spending was cut

considerably and savings made in order to contain the poli tax level. "The council leadership does not have a particularly negative reputation but nonetheless there has been a swing against Labour in the borough, whereas just over the

border each way you look the

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Jail threat to computer hackers

makes computer hacking a criminal offence completed its passage through the Commons

The Computer Misuse Bill, supported by the Govern-ment allows hackers to be sen-tenced to five years' imprison-ment for certain offences.

Moving the third reading, its sponsor, Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C) told MPs that society's increasing dependency on information dependency on information technology suggested the activ-ity would become even more

such behaviour and ensure that those who defied the law were prosecuted. During report stage, Miss Emma Nicholson (West Devon and Torridge, C) unsuccessfully moved amendments allowing police to obtain a warrant to arch the homes of suspected

been struggling for a long time to combat computer-related crime combat this sort of new crime.

ble to obtain evidence in other

come back with legislation, but it should not be done now. It was right to make a circuit

judge responsible for issuing search warrants rather than JPs. The Rights of Way Bill, which aims to help walkers in the countryside by keeping footpaths clear of crops, and the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill, laying down clear and uniform signposting when a road or motorways is closed temporarily, were both given an unopposed third readings.

The Marriage (Registration of Buildings) Bill which will allow marriages to take place in certain churches which form part of another building was given a second reading without

after campaign bitterness By Jamie Dettmer Lady Porter, the Conser-vative leader in the borough. THE Conservatives scored a the results were announced resounding victory in the Westminster local elections that he would have to consider claimed that her party's sucwhether to try to return to yesterday, defying the pollcess was a vindication of the local politics.

Westminster is £195.

sters who had predicted the Tory flagship would fall into Labour hands. The scale of the Tory tri-

taking control of one of Mrs Thatcher's favourite councils. By the time half of the seats up for election had been counted it was clear that the Conservatives would improve on their slim majority. In all, Labour lost 12 seats to the

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Conservatives, including safe seats in the Little Venice ward and one from an independent councillor.

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community charge. She said: The silent majority came out in their droves and voted for us. They didn't listen to any of Labour's propaganda about how we managed to keep our poll tax so low." The poll tax

Mr Paul Dimoldenberg, the Labour group leader, said he was "very disappointed". Mr Dimoldenberg also failed to get re-elected to the council in one of the crucial marginal wards. The deputy leader, Mr Neil Coleman, also lost his seat in the Maida Vale ward. Mr Dimoldenberg said after electoral defeat.

minster leaves the Conservatives with 45 seats and Labour with only 15.

The Westminster campaign has been one of the most bitterly fought in this year's local elections. At times there

The final result in West-

has clearly been personal animosity between Lady Por-ter and the Labour leader, who claimed last week that Westminster Conservatives had colluded with ministers to ensure that the council's poli tax was low so as to avoid

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hackers.

His Bill would discourage

She said that the police had

with existing legislation.
"Weapons are badly needed to Mr Douglas Hogg. Minister for Industry, said: "We do need to be extremely careful about extending the rights of scarch in respect of the vast majority of residual cases." The police were table to obtain switchment.

If those who wanted stronger search powers for the police were shown to be right, the

There was significant ground for arguing that the taxpapyer had secured a good price for Herstmonceux Castle, a scheduled ancient monument, when it was sold for £8.1 million, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, told the Commons yesterday. She rejected claims that it

could have fetched £14 million. She said that the Science Engineering Research Council, who made the sale after the Royal Greenwich Observatory had been moved from there to Cambridge, probably could not

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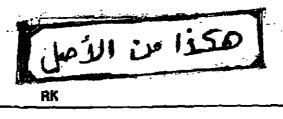
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Labour left to pick up the pieces of London mosaic

By Michael Hart

LABOUR'S gains elsewhere were overshadowed by their London results. When the last four years and voted majority of 32 seats was cut to the last four years and years and years are the last four years are the last four years and years are the last four y were overshadowed by their the last four years and voted majority of 32 seass was the last four years and voted majority of 32 seass was the last four or against their existing six. However, Camden, Greenwich and Lambeth, success in Wandsworth beresults from Brent and showed substantial Tory as Labour won six seats. gains, it was evident that the "London factor" was still a feature of national politics.

The Conservatives had been widely expected to hold Wandsworth, but not that they would sweep to a crushing victory. In Westminster, most pundits thought Lady Porter's administration would lose. Instead, the Conservatives gained further seats from Labour.

Yet the results cannot be explained by low levels of poll tax in Tory areas and high poll taxes in Labour areas. London's politics have become a of results. Labour lost Brent, complicated mosaic with different boroughs moving in quite different directions. The turnout was much higher than Hillingdon went to the in 1986 and it seems that Conservatives by a majority people were aware of the of one and in Hammersmith

scale of the Conservatives' rulers. In Ealing, the Consersuccess in Wandsworth be-came clear, and the early and gained a substantial vic-Hammersmith and Fulham council barely scraped home tory, but in Enfield, the Tory Labour and the Conservatives

> Labour's performance was far worse than expected. Not only did the forecast gains fail to materialize, but the party made a net loss of seats in sharp contrast to the rest of the country. In the boroughs regarded as "long shots" such as Croydon and Barnet the Tories easily saw off Labour's challenge. More surprising was Labour's failure to capture any of its easier targets, except Merton.

Several London boroughs have been poli tax capped, but they delivered no clear pattern where the Conservatives gained nine seats and the Liberal Democrats two.

'Loony left' still blamed for defeats

By Our Political Editor

THE gilt was briskly rubbed off Labour's local election victories by what the party's campaign team admitted was a "patchy" result in London. The Prime Minister re-

flected Tory satisfaction with the party's tactics, saying: The results in London, where people have experienced the worst excesses of Labour councils, show that the message about the community charge is getting through. People want good service, efficiently and economically delivered in local government."

ham. Labour's campaign coordinator, asked why Brent and Mr Neil Kinnock's home borough of Ealing had been lost, replied candidly. "We don't know." But as the day sufficient attention to the wore on the Labour leadership demands of consumers.

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each polled 1,431 votes.

pencils, Mr Sullivan won.

Election trailer

A trip to vote paid off for Mr

Eric Barrett, of Wroughton,

Wiltshire. Driving home with

his wife, they saw a lonry tow-

ing a trailer stolen from his

firm. As Mr Barrett gave

chase, his wife, Mary, gave a

running commentary on their

car phone to the police, who

X marks the spot

Turners Puddle, Dorset, was

resolved with the drawing of

marked with an X. Mr Denham Corner won the day

over Mrs Pamela Hare, after

the Tories to the City Hall

doors. Visitors will no longer be questioned about their

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began to acknowledge that the party was still suffering from the hangover of past spending binges by the so-called "loony

Mr Bryan Gould, a former campaign co-ordinator and now the party's environment spokesman, called it a "residuary problem of past image". Much had been done to overcome the burden of the past reputation of Labour councils in London, he said, but voters were still wary.

Mr Kinnock said that the results in Brent and Ealing deserved close attention. They would be talking to councillors in the two boroughs, he

At first Dr John Cunning- said, to identify the problems. Mr Frank Dobson, a former chairman of London Labour MPs, hinted openly that the problem was that some Labour councils had paid in-

which have all been capped, turned in good results for seemed unable to capitalize on the councils' supposed over-

There is an intense localism which has emerged in these elections. Seldom, if ever, before has London returned such a complex set of results. While the Conservatives have reason to congratulate themselves, so do the Liberal Democrats. They held Richmond, took overall control in Sutton and Tower Hamlets, and gained six further scats in Southwark. It is many years since the Liberals controlled three London boroughs.

In most boroughs where the old Alliance parties were rel-atively weak, the Liberal Democrats lost further ground and in Islington — which the SDP controlled briefly in the early 1980s - all the remaining SDP councillors were swept away.

The Conservative strategy promoting Wandsworth and Westminster paid off handsomely, not only there, but elsewhere. It was an appeal to the pocket and helped to divert attention from other politically-damaging issues, such as public transport and the road system.

On Thursday night as the London results began to come in, Labour MPs admitted that the party had an "image problem" there. It would be more accurate to say that a few Labour councils have been unable to answer Conservative charges about overspending, and inefficient delivery of services.

In the last two general elections, a national voting pattern has broken down, to be replaced by a series of regional voting patterns. Thursday's London elections went one stage further with a series of results which gave no neat overall picture. But the Conservatives might bear in mind that their best results in London bucked the national trend rather than setting it. Michael Hart is a Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford.

Pencilling | Bradford's beaten leader stays loyal

A local election was resolved yesterday by a "draw of straws" after two candidates of the defeated Conservative the Conservatives from Lab-group on Bradford council, our and lost his sear. Mr Philip said yesterday that the Beeley, aged 40 the council's community charge had played acting Labour leader, celecontesting the Baglan seat on Port Talbot borough council a significant part in the council being won by Labour.

After the fifth count, Mr Les Rees, Labour, and Mr He said: "Two years ago, 18 Scott Sullivan, Ratepayer, per cent of those who voted agreed that the winner would paid any contribution. Now, be the one who picked the longest from a selection of ity, yes, that's the main reason

for our defeat. "The community charge is that he supported the charge.

He also pledged his continued support for the Prime Minister. "I am totally behind her and there is no truth in the on Monday. rumour that I will be backing Michael Heseltine. She is right and she should carry on into

The parish council election at the general election. had not been as severe as he services and had feared. "I wasn't surprised environment." paper lots, one of which was by the margin of the result. It would be much worse.

each had polled six votes. However, neither could touch Mr William Chamberlain's 14-vote landslide. the camp is remarkably buoyant. We're just humble infantry soldiers. We'll pick Open door policy One of the first acts of Bradagain." He said that he would ford's new Labour administrcontinue to be leader of the ation was to switch off an electronic locking system fitted by

group. Mr Pickles said that the business before being let in. | supported Mohammed Riaz, accordingly.

MR ERNEST Pickles, leader the councillor who defected to brated the Labour group's victory not with a glass of champagne but with a pint of Guinness.

He said: "It's not our style just about everyone does. If to be flamboyant - we are that's a contributory factor to practical and down to earth. the Government's unpopular. But whatever the drink, the taste of success is very sweet."

One of the new ruling party's first jobs at its annual probably here to stay, but I meeting on Wednesday will be suppose it's going to have to select a new leader. Mr some corners knocked off it."

Beeley, who works for Wake-field District Council, cannot hold a political post under the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act. He will relinquish his position at midnight

Mr Beeley said: "Whoever takes over will be at the vanguard of our priorities which are to completely revise Mr Pickles said that the the budget and redirect re-Conservative group's defeat sources to schools, caring

Meanwhile Mr Sher Azam. looked at one stage that it leader of Bradford's Council would be much worse. "We've come out better country's biggest Asian popthan we feared. The mood in ulation, was non-committal over the deciding role of the

community he represents. He said: "The Tory cutourselves up and start all over backs were very unpopular but, despite members of our community traditionally being Labour voters, I think people considered the policies offered by the various canvital Asian vote had gone offered by the various can-firmly with Labour, and he didates and made their choice

THURSDAY'S LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS METROPOLITAN



After the vote: A woman relaxes at Brent Town Hall after the count in which Labour lost control of the council.

CRAWLEY: Leb no change: Lab 9, C 1. New council: Lab 21, C 9, L/Dem 1, Ind 1 CREWE & NANTWICH: Lab gain from HOC: Lab 12, C 5, Ind 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from L/Dem, Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 23, C 24, Ind 2. L/Dem 2

ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON: Lab no change: Lab 12, C 1, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 30, C 11 New councit Lab 30, C 11
ELMERIDGE: C no change: C 9, Lab 4, L/Dem 3, Residents 5, Lab gain 1 from Residents, L/Dem gain 1 from c and 1 from SDP. New councit C 31, Residents 14, Lab 7, SDP 7, Ind 1
EPPING FOREST: C no change: C 10, Lab 5, SDP 1, Ind 3. C gain 1 from L/Dem, Lab gain 2 from C. New councit C 35, Lab 12, SDP 1, L/Dem 1, R 7, Ind C 1, Ind 1

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EXETER: NOC no change: Lab 8, C 3, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from C. New council Lab 15, C 13, L/Dem 8, SDP 1, Ind 1

Form 4. C gain 1 from LiDem and 1 from R. L/Dem and 1 from C. Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 26, L/Dem 10, Lab 4, SDP 1, Ind 1

GHLINGHAM: C lose to NOC: L/Dem 6, Lab 4, C 4. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: C 19, L/Dem 14, Lab 9

COUNCE: C 19, L/Dem 14, Lab 9: GLOUCESTER: NOC no change: Lab 7, L/Dem 2, C 1, Ind 1. Lab gein 3 from C and 1 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 11, Lab 13, L/Dem 7, Ind 2

GOSPORT: C less to MOC: L/Dem 6, Lab 2, C 1, Ind 1, L/Dem gain 3 from C, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: L/Dem 12, C 12, Lab 5, Ind 1

REAT GRIMSBY: Lab no change: Lab 12, C 2, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 1 front C. New council: Lab SO, C 12, L/Dem 2, Ind

councit Lab 38, L/Dem 10, C 6
STOCKPORT: NOC no change: Con 4,
Lab 8, L/Dem 8, ind 1. Lab gain 2 from
L/Dem and 2 from C, L/Dem gain 1 from
C and 1 from Lab. New councit: L/Dem
25, C 18, Lab 17, ind 3
SUNDEPILAND: Lab no change: Lab 22,
C 2, L/Dem 1 Lab gain 1 from C. New
councit: Lab 64, C 8, L/Dem 3 WAKEFIELD: Lab no change: Lab 20, C 1. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem, New Council: Lab 58, C 3. L/Dem 1, Ind 1 KEY TO PARTIES

WALSALL Lab no change: Lab 13, C 5, L/Dem 2. Lab gain 1 from L/Dem and 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 34, C 18, L/Dem 7, Ind 1 Lab....Labour WIGAN: Lab no change: Lab 24, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 64, L/Dem 5, C 2, Ind 1 L/Dem.....Liberal Democrats SDP..... Social Democrats Green Green Party WIRRAL: NOC no change: Lab 14, C 8, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 3 from L/Dem and 1 from C. New counci: Lab 33, C 23, L/Dem 7, Ind Lab 3 ind. independent R..... Residents Comm...... Communist SNP...... Scottish Nat. Party

WOLVERHAMPTON: Lab no change: Lab 14, C 5, L/Dem 1, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 31, C 24, L/Dem 5

NON METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS

ADUR: L/Dem no change: L/Dem 10, C 3, Lab 1, Ind 1, Lab gain 1 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from C. New councit: L/Dem 22, C 14, Ind 2, Lab 1 AMBER VALLEY: C no change: Lab 11, C 2, Ind 2, Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from Lab. New councit C 22, Lab 18, Ind 3

BARROW th FURNESS: Lab no change: Lab 9, C 5, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New councit Lab 22, C 15, Ind 1

BASILDON: Lab gain from NOC: Lab 8, C 5, L/Dem 1 Lab gain 2 from L/Dem. C gain 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 23, C 14, L/Dem 5 BASINGETOKE & DEANE: C no change: Lab 9, C 7, L/Dem 4. Lab gan 2 from C, L/Dem gain 1 from C, New council: C 29, Lab 15, L/Dem 10, Ind 3, vecant 2

BASSETTAW: Lab no change: C 4, Lab 10, Ind 3. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from hid. L/Dein gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 28, C 15, Ind 6, L/Dein 1 Lab 28, C 15, Ind 6, L/Dem 1
BATH: Close to MOC: Lab 6, C 5, L/Dem 5, Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from L/Dem.
New council: C 24, L/Dem 13, Lab 17, C 2, L/Dem 1, Lab 17, C 2, L/Dem 1, Lab gain 4 from C and 1 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 38, C 19, L/Dem 5.

BESTITION CO. C no. 5, L/Dem 1, C 4.

BRENTWOOD: C no change: Lab 1, C 4, L/Dem 8. L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: C 21, L/Dem 18, Lab 2 BRIGHTON: Linb no change: C 5, Lab 11. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 17, Lab 29, L/Dem 1, Ind

SROADLAND: C no change: C 12, SDP 1, L/Dem 2, Ind 3, Lab gein 4 from C and 1 from SDP, L/Dem gein 1 from C. New council: Lab 5, Ind 7, L/Dem 8, C 31 BROXBOURNE: C so charge: C 11, L/Dem 1. Lab 3, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 35, Lab 6, L/Dem 1 BURNEY: Lab no change: Lab 15, C 2, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council; Lab 44, L/Dem 8, C

CAMERIDGE: Lab no change: Lab 10, C 2, L/Dem 3. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 24, C 13, L/Dem 5 CANNOCK CHASE: Lub no change: Lab 12. L/Dem 1, C 1. Lab gain 5 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 30, L/Dem 8, C 2. Change 1 CARLISLE: Lab no change: Lab 13, C 4, find 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 32, C 17, L/Dem 1, and 1

CHELTENHAM: NOC no change: L/Dem 8, C 2, Lab 1. L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: L/Dem 16, C 15,

CHEMWELL: C no change: C 9, L/Dem 2, Lab 8, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from SDP, New council: C 30, Lab 16, L/Dem 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Ind C CHESTER: NOC no change: Lab 9. C 4, L/Dem 7. Lab gain 4 from C, L/Dem gain 2 from C. New council: Lab 22, C 24, L/Dem 13. Ind 1

CHORLEY: Lab gain from C; Lab 12, C 4, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 25, C 20, L/Dem 2, Ind 1

MILTON KEYNES: Lab gain from NOC: Lab 13, C 1, L/Dern 1 Lab gain 5 from L/Dern sund 1 from C . C gain 1 from L/Dern New councit Lab 24, C 13, L/Dern 7, Ind 2 MOLE VALLEY: NOC up change: L/Dem 6, C 3, Green 1, Ind 3. L/Dem gain 3 from C and 1 from Ind. New councit: C 14, Lab 1, L/Dem 12, Green 1, Ind 13 COUNCIL LAD 40, C 9, L/Dem 7

NORTH BEDIFORDSHIRE: NOC no change: Lab 8, C 5, L/Dem 5. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 24, Lab 15, L/Dem 13, Ind 1

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE: C no change: C 8, Lab 7, R 1. C gain 2 from SDP, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from SDP, New council: C 29, Lab 15, L/Dem 2, SDP 1, R 3

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE: C no change: Lab 14 NORWICH: Lab no change: Lab 14, L/Dem 3, C 1. C gain 1 from L/Dem. New councit: Lab 37, L/Dem 8, C 3

OADBY & WIGSTON: C no change: C 2. L/Dem 7. L/Dem gain 3 from C. New council: C 15, L/Dem 11

Labour 1
PENWITH: NOC no change: Lab 6, Ind 2, C 1, Ind Lab 1, Methyon Kornow 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from L/Dem, Ind Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 13, Lab 10, Ind 7, Ind Lab 1, L/Dem 1, SOP 1, Methyon Kornow 1
PETERBOROUGH: NOC no change: Lab 9, C 5, L/Dem 2, Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 28, C 21, L/Dem 4

PORTSMOUTH: Close to NOC: Lab 7. C 3. L/Dem 3. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from Ind/C. C gain 1 from L/Dem. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: C 17, Ind/C 2, Lab 14, Ind 1, Green 1, L/Dem 4 PRESTOR: Lab so change: Lab gain 2 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 35, C 16, L/Dem 6 PURBECK: NOC no change: C 1, L/Dem 2, Ind 5. New council: C 10, L/Dem 3, Ind 7, Ind Lib 2

READING: Lab no change: Lab 11, C 2, L/Dem 2, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: Lab 27, C 13, L/Dem 5 council: Lab 27, C 13, L/Dem 5
REDDITCH: Leb no change: Lab 8, C 3,
Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council:
Lab 21, C 7, L/Dem 1
REIGATE & BANSTEAD: C no change:
L/Dem 4, C 8, Ind 1, Lab 4, R 1, Lab gain 1 from C, L/Dem gain 2 from C, R gain 1 from C, New council: C 26, Lab 10,
L/Dem 6, Ind 2, R 2, SDP 1, vacant 2 ROCHFORD: C less to NOC: L/Dem 8, Leb 5, C 1, R 1, L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 17, L/Dem 15, Lab 7, R 1

RUGBY: NOC no change: C 3, Lab 7, L/Dem 1, ind 3. R 2 C gain 1 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. ind gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. New council: C 22, Lab 15, L/Dem 1, Ind 4, R

OREAT YARMOUTH: Lab gain from NOC, Lab 15, C 1. Lab gain 5 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 30, C 18 RUNNYMEDE: C no change: C 7, Lab 4, Green 1, and 2. C gain 1 from SDP. New councit: C 26, Lab 8, L/Dem 1, Green 1, R 8 HALTOE: Lab no change: Lab 16, L/Dem 2, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind, L/Dem gain 1 from Lab and 1 from SDP. New councit: C 2, Lab 44, L/Dem 4, SDP 1 RUSHMOOR: C no change: C 10, Lab 2, L/Dem 3. C gain 1 from L/Dem, New council: C 32, L/Dem 8, Lab 5 Lub no change: Lab 13, L/Dem 3. Lab gan 1 from L/Dem. New councit: Lab 35, C 4, L/Dem 3 ST ALBANS: C no change: C 5, Lab 3, L/Dem 10, bnd 1, bnd gan 1 from C. New councit: C 31, Lab 8, L/Dem 17, Ind 1 SCUNTHORPE BOROUGH: Lab no change: Lab 13, C 1, Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 32, C 5, SDP 3 HARROGATE: C lose to NOC: C 4, L/Dem 11, Lab 3, SDP 1, Green 1, Ind 1. L/Dem gain 3 from C, Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from C, Green gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New councit: C 29, L/Dem 22, Lab 4, SDP 2, Green 1, Ind 2 5, SDP 3
SHREWSBURY & ATCHARL NOC no change: Con 5, Lab 10, Ind 2, Lab gain 2 from L/Dem and 2 from C. C gain 1 from L/Dem, Ind gain 1 from C. New councit: Con 17, Lab 21, L/Dem 8, SDP 1, Ind 3 HART: NOC no change: C 6, L/Dem 4, Ind 3. C gain 1 from Aliance and 2 from L/Dem. New council: C 18, L/Dem 10, Ind 8, Aliance 1 SLOUGH: Lab no change: Lab 13, L/Dem 1, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: Lab 28, C 5, L/Dem 5, vacant 1 HARTLEPOOL: Lab to change: Lab 11, C 3, L/Dem 1. L/Dem gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 10, Lab 33, L/Dem 3, ind

SOUTH SEDFORDSHARE: C no change: C 9, Lab 5, L/Dem 2, Ind 1, Lab gain 1 from L/Dem and 1 from C, L/Dem gain 2 from C, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New councit: C 37, Lab 9, L/Dem 5, Ind 2 HASTINGS: NOC no change: C 4, Lub 4, L/Dem 3. C gain 1 from L/Dem, Lab gain 2 from L/Dem and 1 from Ind. New council: C 13, Lab 9, L/Dem 9, Ind 1 HAYANT: C lose to NOC: C 5, Lab 4, L/Dem 3, R 1, Ind 1. L/Dem gain 2 from C, R gain 1 from C. Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 19, Lab 11, L/Dem 5, R SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Ind no change: Ind 11, C 6, Lab 2, Lab gain 2 from C, Con gain 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 28, C 21, Lab 5, L/Dem 1 SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE: Ind no change: Ind 11, L/Dem 1, New council: Ind 28, C 4, L/Dem 3 2, Ind 1, Others 4 MERSFORD: L/Dem so change: L/Dem 7, Lab 2: Lab gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: L/Dem 18, Lab 5, C 3, Ind 1 SOUTH LANGELAND: NOC no change: C 10, Lab 6. L/Dem 8, Ind 5 L/Dem gained 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: C 21, Lab 5. L/Dem 13, Ind 13 HERTSMERE BIOROUGH: C No changes C 22, Lab 12, L/Dem 3, SDP 1, Ind 1, Ind gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 22, Lab 12, L/Dem 3, SDP 1, Ind 1 SOUTHAMPTON: Lab gain from NOC: Lab 12, C 1, L/Dem 2, Lab gain 2 from C. New counce: Lab 25, C 15, L/Dem 4, Ind Lab 1 HUNTINGDONSHIRE C no change: C 14, Lab 4, L/Dem 2, Lab gain 2 from C, L/Dem gain 2 from C, New council: C 42, Lab 6, L/Dem 3, Incl 2

SOUTHEND ON SEA: C gain from NOC: C 10, Leb 2, L/Dem 1. C gain & from L/Dem. New council: C 23, L/Dem 10, Leb 5, SDP 1 HYNDRURP: Lab no change: Lab 10, C 3, L/Dem 2. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 29, C 13, L/Dem 4, Ind Conservative 1 STEVENIAGE: Lab no change: Lab 13. Lab gain 4 from L/Dem and 1 from Lab Ind. New council: Lab 32, L/Dem 6, C 1 IPSWICH: Lab no change: Lab 16, C 2. Lab gain 2 from G. New council: Lab 36, C 12 STOKE ON TRENT: Lab no change: Lab 20. Lab gan 1 from C. New council: Lab 55. C 5 KINGSTON UPON HILL: Lab no change; Lab 22. Lab gain 2 from L/Dam, New council: Lab 57, C 3

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STRATFORD-ON-AVON: C no change: C
S. L/Dem 7, Lab 1, Ind 1, L/Dem gain 4
from C, C gain 1 from L/Dem and 1 from
ind, Ind gain 1 from C. New councit:
C 31, L/Dem 15, Lab 2, Ind 6, Ind C 1 LEOMINSTER: tad no change: Ind 7, L/Dem 3, C 1, Lab 1. Lab gain 1 from C, L/Dem gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New councit and 21, C 9, L/Dem 5, Lab 1 STROUD: MCC no change: Lab 9, C 3, L/Dem 3, Green 2, Ind 1 Leb gain 4 from C and 1 from L/Dem, Green gain 1 from Ind, L/Dem gain 2 from C, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 17, Lab 18, L/Dem 10, Green 4, Ind 7 LINCOUN: Lab no change: Lab 11. Lab can 1 from C. New council: Lab 26, C 5 MACCLESFIELD: C no change: C 9, L/Dem 6, Lab 4, Ind 1. Lab gain 2 from Ind. New council: C 33, L/Dem 13, Lab 8,

SWALE: NOC no change: C 3, Lab 9, L/Dem 4. Leb gain 2 from L/Dem, 1 from SDP and 1 from C, C gain 1 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from Lab and 2 from C. Now council: C 19, Lab 15, L/Dem 14

TAMORIDGE: C lase to MDC: Con 3. L/Dem 8, Lab 3. L/Dem gain 3 from C, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 20, L/Dem 15, Lab 6, Ind 1 THAMESDOWN: Lab so change: Lab 17, C 3, 1/Dem 1, Lab gain 2 from L/Dem, L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 39, C 11, L/Dem 3, Ind 1 THREE RIVERS NOC to change: Lab 5, C5, L/Dem 7, C gain 2 from L/Dem, Lab 11, C 19, L/Dem 17 THURROCK: Lab no change: Lab 1 2. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from New council: Lab 31, C 7, and 1

WATFORD: Lab gain from NOC: Lab 9, C 3, L/Dem 3. Lab gain 3 from Traditional Lab. New council: Lab 20, C 11, L/Dem 3, Traditional Lab 2 WAVENEY: Lab gain from NOC: Lab 13, C 2, L/Dem 1 Lab gain 6 from C. New council: Lab 26, C 17, L/Dem 4, Ind 1 councit Lab 30, C

weLWYN HATFIELD: Lab on change:
Lab 10, C 5, Lab gain 2 from C, C gain 2
from L/Dem 6, C 1. Lab gain 4 from L/Dem,
New councit: L/Dem 23, Lab 22, C 5, Ind
Labour 1
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WEST LANCASHIRE: C no change: Lab 11, C 7, L/Dam 1. Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 28, Lab 25, L/Dem 2 WEST LINDSEY: NOC no change: Lab 4, C 3, L/Dem 3, Ind 2, Lab gain 1 from C and 3 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 5, C 11, L/Dem 12, Ind 9 WEST ON OROSHERE: and no change: C 4, L/Dem 4, Ind 7, Lab 3. Lab gain 2 from L/Dem. New council: Ind 27, C 9, L/Dem 7, Lab 6

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WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND: NOC no change: C 3, Lab 5, L/Dem 1, Ind 2, Portland Party 1, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New councif: C 13, Lab 13, L/Dem 3, SDP 1, Ind 3, R 1, Portland Party 1 WINCKESTER: NOC no change: L/Der 11. C 5, Lab 2. C gain 1 from L/Dem an 2 from Ind, L/Dem gain 1 from C. Ne council: C 27, Lab 6, L/Dem 22 WOKING: NOC no change: C 5, Lab 2, L/Dem 5. C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: C 16, Lab 6, L/Dem 14 WOKINGHAM: C no change: C 9, L/Dem 8, Lab 1. L/Dem gain 3 from C, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 37, L/Dem 14,

WORCESTER: Lab no change: Lab 10, C 2, L/Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from C. L/Dem gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 24, C 11, L/Dem 1 WORTHRIG: C no change: C 7, L/Dem 5, C gan 1 from L/Dem, New council: C 27, L/Dem 9 WYRE FOREST; NOC no change: Lab 9, L/Dem 2, C 2, Ind 1, Lab gain 4 from C and 2 from L/Dem. New council: Lab 16, L/Dem 13, C 10, Ind 3 YORK: Lab no change: Lab 13, C 1, L|Dem 1. Lab gain 2 from L|Dem and 1 from C. New council: Lab 31, C 10, L|Dem 4

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BARKING & DAGENHAM: Lab so BARNET: C no change: C gain 3 from Lab, Lab gain 3 from C. New council: C 39, Lab 18, L/Dem 3
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WANDSWORTH: C no change: C gain 17 from Lab. New council: C 48, Lab 13 WESTMINSTER: C no change: C gain 12 from Lab and 1 from Ind. New council: C 45, Lab 15

Labour retained control of the London borough of Haringey but, with recounts in three seats, the final result is to be announced today

SCOTLAND

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Portillo welcomes challenge By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

MR MICHAEL Portillo yes- succeed Mr Hunt. terday took over his new job as local government minister promotions lower down the views before advocating any in charge of the poll tax as described it as a personal challenge rather than a poisoned chalice.

Mrs Thatcher's limited government reshuffle, formally announced yesterday, which was prompted by Mr Peter replacement at the Depart-Walker's decision to leave the ment of Health. Cabinet.

Mr David Hunt, MP for West Wirral, who takes over from Mr Walker as Secretary of State for Wales, steps into his first Cabinet post. He was

local government minister. Mr Portillo, aged 36, a rising the two stretching back over star in the Conservative Party. moved as predicted from moved as predicted from the Commons five years ago, private secretary.

The changes brought listen to Tory backbench MPs' ministerial ranks as Mr Roger Freeman, formerly a junior health minister, moved up to become transport minister His promotion was part of and Mr Stephen Dorrell left not yet know if they would the whips' office to mount the first rung of the ministerial ladder as Mr Freeman's

In the customary exchange of correspondence, Mr Walker to reflect and listen," he added wrote frankly to the Prime on BBC Radio 4's World at Minister of his achievements One programme. in Wales. No mention was made in either letter of the stormy relationship between

35 years. Mr Portillo, who entered Commons, as parliamentary

nity charge. After talking to voters in the local council elections he found many did receive rebates or relief to their poll tax bills, he said. "There may be some mis-

made it clear that he wanted to

understanding about the protection they are already entitled to. I do think we need Mr Dorrell, aged 38, the

newest minister, has previously worked for Mr Peter Walker both as personal assistant and, after entering the

COLCHESTER: MCC no change: L/Dem gain 5 from C. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from L/Dem. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: L/Dem 28, C 17, Lab 12. R 3 CONGETON: NOC pain from L/Dem L/Dem 7, C 3, Lab 5, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from L/Dem, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: L/Dem 21, C 16, Lab 7, SDP 1 MAIDSTONE: NOC no change: C 5, Lab 3, L/Dem 8, Ind 2, L/Dem gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from L/Dem. New council: L/Dem 23, C 20, Lab 8, Ind 4 CRAVEN: NOC so change: C 4, L/Dem 4, Ind 2, Lab 1. New councit C 12, L/Dem 12, Ind 7, Lab 3

Corps of judges to be trained for children's cases

announced yesterday to pre-pare them for handling chil-dren's cases when the Children Act 1989 comes into

The unprecedented project will take the form of a series of one-day seminars around the country, introducing judges to the Act's radical approach to handling disputes involving children. The cases will range from those to determine whether or not a child should be put into local authority care to disputes between divorcing parents over custody and

The training, which is being organized by the Judicial Studies Board, will involve High Court and circuit judges, registrars, stipendiary and lay magistrates, and justices' clerks. Lord Justice Glidewell, chairman of the board, said yesterday that the "really interesting, if not unique" aspect inks of the judiciary would be trained together.

co-ordinating the programme, said it was "symbolic of the fact that, for the first time, the

trained by non-judges. The 17 seminars will be conducted by academics, child psychiatrists, court welfare officers, and guardians ad litem (the senior represent a child's interests).

The programme will create an unprecedented corps of chidren's cases under the Act, force in October, 1991. About 225 circuit judges (just over half the total) will take part in the "roadshows" this year, after which 100 of them will be selected for the second phase involve a series of three-day residential courses to train

judges in children's cases. Mr Justice Johnson, who chairs the programme's steer-ing committee with Lord Jusmyself have been doing for the past 30 years". He said the present law on children's cases was often "bizarre" and pro-

duced "unfair results". If parents wanted to challhave a child taken into local whether the case is in the magistrates' court, county judge, but by a crown court for the judge, but by a crown court or the judge, but by a crown court for the judge, but by a crown court for the judge, but by a crown court courted the judge, but by a crown court for the judge, but by a crown court courts and in the judge, but by a crown court for the judge who normally heard courses to court or High Court. Another criminal cases. Again, Mr work and unusual facet of the project is

A HUGE training programme that judges will be largely ents wanted to appeal against a refusal by magistrates to discharge a care order, the case went to the crown court.

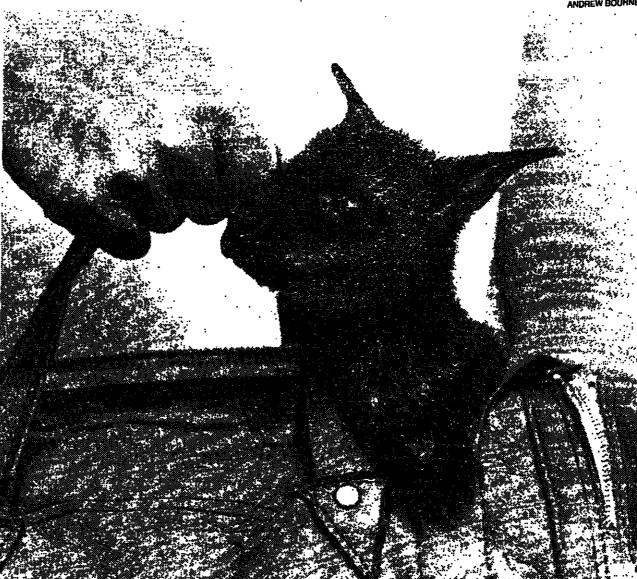
appealed against the mag-istrates' refusal to grant them access to the child, the case would be heard by a judge of the High Court family division. These anomalies, he said, would "all now be swep

In private disputes between divorcing couples, the attitude of "who gets custody and who would disappear. "The whole emphasis now is on parents having joint responsibility. They had it when the child was born and they will continue to have it during childhood."

The first seminar takes place in London on May 21 and will be attended by about 50 judges. Courses will also be held in Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester and Cardiff. They will be chaired by a leading judge from the High Court family division such as Sir Stephen Brown, the president Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Mr Justice Ewbank or Mr Justice

The Judicial Studies Board's budget has been in-creased from £1 million to £1.5 million this year, to allow for the project and other courses to train judges in civil work and to train tribunal

Wallaby takes to life in a bag



places: "Alice Springs", a young Bennetts or red-necked wallaby, takes a look at her surroundings at Linton Zoo, Cambridge, from her new home — a handbag. The keepers at the zoo decided to use the handbag as a surrogate pouch when the wallaby was rejected by her immature and inexperienced mother soon after birth

Life for cottage arsonist

A MAN who burnt down a within hours of being released from a 12-year jail sentence, was jailed for life at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday. The court was told that William Simpson's previous for culpable homicide, eight years for serious assault, and 12 years in 1982 for wilful fireraising, attempted murder

> Yesterday, Simpson, aged 4, who has no home address admitted breaking into the cottage in Jedburgh on March 7 and wilfully setting fire to and destroying the house. The £55,000 house was the holiday nome of a retired woman from

Judge Lord Ross, the Lord Justice Clerk, told Simpson that, whatever his motives, he was a menace and the public had to be protected. He added: "You, yourself, suggested to the psychiatrist that you rather hoped you might get a life sentence. I have come to the conclusion it is the appropriate sentence.":

The court was told that just before his release from Saughton Prison, Edinburgh on March 7, Simpson had told a social worker that when he got out he was going to burn down a Borders holiday home to get back into jail.

Simpson had been found to be sane and fit to plead, but

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<u>MOTOR INDUSTRY PAY</u>

Unsocial hours sank Rover deal

plant said yesterday that they social life. At the moment I had rejected a radical new working agreement that union leaders said would be industry because of the un-

ends as reasons why they voted against the deal.

The package, rejected by a financially under the new seven to five majority, would have created an extra 1,200 jobs, cut the working week by two hours to 37 hours and would lose your weekends and introduced shifts for 24-hour social life." working at Longbridge, which employs 13,000 blue collar workers.

For most, round-the-clock working would have operated on a five-day basis, but for ,500 workers in the engine plant, seven-day production was to be introduced to increase output of the "K" series engine for the new Rover 200, 400 and Metro models.

Much of the opposition to the deal seemed yesterday to have been in the engine plant, where employees were offered a 35-day cycle of 18 shifts, with seven-day and five-day periods off and free weekends of two and three days. How-ever, it would have involved longer shifts of 10% hours and two shifts on a working week-end of 12 hours each.

The deal had been recommended by national union officials and the plant's works committee, although there had been strong opposition from shop stewards. Rover is resuming talks with union leaders to try to rescue the package and in the meantime the recruitment of extra workers is being delayed.

The company is also launching a campaign to win over doubters and hopes there will be a new ballot.

will be a new ballot.

Workers arriving at favour: There would have been more time off. I think the others would have got used to it and enjoyed it. I think they against the proposals. "It have missed out."

By Craig Seton WORKERS at Rover's biggest would have cocked up my

want permanent days, but there is no chance of that." Mr Badger, who has worked on Mini and Metro cars for The workforce at two years, added: "It is bad Longbridge, Birmingham, cited the proposed long shifts and loss of regular free week-hardly see each other because she works days. I am:told we

would have been better off shifts, but even if we were offered more money, I would not change my mind. You

However, Mr Andrew Tayworker, voted for the deal which would have given him more leisure time. He said: "It would have been good for me because I would get a lot of time at home. I work 10% hours when I am or nights. Some people are just too stubborn to change.

Mr Clive Fuller, aged 24, a hot test worker, said he voted against. "The hours were unsociable. At the moment I can get out at night and I get longer

Mr Terry Lane, a Rover worker for 35 years, who works in the machine shop, said: "I did not like the long hours attached to it. There was no extra money on the table for working the extra shift patterns and it would have upset my weekends. We like our weekends. I like things as

Mr John Russell, aged 44. an electronics worker in the engine plant, voted for the deal. He said: "It would have night. That is the killer at the moment because it spoils the weekend to work three Fir-

days out of five. Mr Trevor Clarke, aged 42,

Licences dispute

Two of Britain's most sensitive coastal wildlife areas are being licensed for offshore oil and gas exploration against the advice of the Nature Conservancy Council, the Government's own wildlife advisory body (Michael McCarthy writes).

Last night the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds attacked the decision to grant licences for the waters around Flambacoush Hand Hambacher and Provinces. Flamborough Head, Humberside, and the Lleyn Peninisular, Gwynedd, as "spectacularly cavalier". They were announced by Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, as part of the twelfth offshore licensing round.

Royal success

The Queen won £5 when her racing pigeon beat 134 birds in an 89-mile race from Beverley, Humberside, to Sandringham, Norfolk. She paid 10p to enter.

Rock of ages

A stick of seaside rock was buried with clothes and newspapers in a time capsule beneath a shopping mall in Weston-super-Mare, Avon, to be opened in 2190.

Plant opened

A £13 million factory built by the Gates Rubber Company to manufacture power transmission belts was opened in Dumfries by Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State for Scotland.

Miner's award

Christopher Hulme, a miner who suffered severe leg inju-ries in a fall from a conveyor belt at a Coventry colliery, was awarded £150,000 High Court

Lethal sip

Mrs Jessica Robinson, of Prestwich, Manchester, died after drinking from a lemon-ade boule which contained insect poison,

Court visit

Gordon Parry, the property developer, appeared at Hose-ferry Road Magistrates Court. London, acrused of handling £16 million from the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery, He stays

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Minister to offer extra cash to help mentally ill

THE Government is to an-money would be "on a modest nounce a series of initiatives scale", likely to be under £100 over the next few weeks to help mentally ill people live in the community. In addition, measures to support mentally handicapped people are ex-pected to be launched later cent of their budget on the

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A consultation paper to be published by the Department ance that the grant would be of Health will recommend that personal social services should get direct access to central funds earmarked for the social care of mentally ill people after the implementation of the community care reforms next April.

The paper will propose that the 93 social services departments in England and Wales should draw directly from a special mental illness grant held by the Department of Health, provided that health authorities approve their plans. The money will be used to provide social care, including help at home, or accommodation, for people who have been discharged from psychiatric hospitals or those who have never been admitted but need extra support to live in the community.

"Health authorities will not have access to the money, but they will have responsibility to agree plans," Mr Roger Freeman, the former Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, said as he moved to the Department of Transport in the mini-shuffle. He admitted that the

Benefits plea for young homeless

YOUNG people found beg-ging or sleeping rough should not be treated as criminals, a children's charity said yes-

High levels of homelessness among the young could only be overcome through a flexadequate benefits system and extra money for ng authorities, a report from the National Children's

Young people "who through no fault of their own are forced to beg or sleep on the streets" could be prosecuted under the Vagrancy Act, the report noted. "This law is out of date - homeless people should be offered advice, support and help instead of being fined or sent to jail,"

The report, Children in Danger 1990, a mass of statistics compiled from surveys published in the past year, also indicated that the gap between rich and poor continued to grow.

Mr Tom White, social work director, said in the report's foreword: "One-parent families and families caring for children with disabilities have not only substantially lower financial resources, but they also suffer from the lack of support networks and structures such as day care."

The NCH Factfile, Children in Danger 1990 (NCH, 85 Highbury Park, London N5 IUD,

mentally ill.

However, he gave an assur extra money from the taxpayer and would not be a re-distribution of existing cash allocated to health authorities. He also gave a commitment that the money, which would be allocated under a formula still to be finalized but related to capitation, would be recurrent.

The proposed move is significant departure from the White Paper on the community care reforms which suggested that an earmarked grant should be payable through regional health authorities to local authorities.

Social service bodies and organizations representing the mentally ill have consistently argued that this gave no guarantee that health authorities would release the funds. It was also feared that some of the extra funds would be in the form of one-off grants rather than recurrent money.

The new money will be given to programmes agreed with health authorities such as day centres, workshop training, residential accommodation or extra staffing. The Government is also expected to announce this month details of a £50 million capital loan fund which will provide bridging help to health authorities which want to build up services in the community before closing down large institutions.

At the moment many districts are unable to close hospitals because they cannot afford alternative community facilities for the patient. Fifty thousand people who are mentally ill and 30,000 mentally handicapped people are still in long-stay institutions.

Earlier this year the Gov-ernment asked for bids for the loans which were to be spread over three years but the scheme has already been oversubscribed by five times, Mr Freeman said. "We have another four weeks to finalize the details but there will be only one or two dozen success-

A third initiative will be announced to help the estimated 500 to 1,000 homeless mentally ill in central London. Mr Freeman said there was an urgent need for special purpose hostels for people suffering from mental illness. The hostels would not be open access but have a referral mechanism from voluntary agencies, the police, GPs or health authorities.

The Government is also expected to announce improvements to the down mechanism whereby health authorities give lump-sum payments to social services departments when they discharged mentally handicapped people from hospital. Mr Freeman added that a package of initiatives to help the mentally handicapped would be launched in the autumn which could include help to enable these people to get jobs.

Commuter robber gets 20 years' jail

regularly travelled from a days, as a result of informaremote Scottish farmhouse to London where he carried out armed robberies on banks and building societies, was jailed for 20 years by the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

John Benedict Simpson, aged 41, of Leitholm, Borders, turned to crime because he did not have the courage to tell the woman he lived with that his building and decorating business was £29,000 in debt and facing bankruptcy, the court was told.

He would tell her that he was going away on business. When he stepped off the train, however, he became the "cool" robber who evaded capture for 27 months. During that time, he carried out 18 armed raids, escaping with more than £45,000.

When in London, he stayed with his mother in Northolt, west London. After each raid, he caught the train home to his unwitting lover, the court

was told. Simpson pleaded guilty to 15 robberies, three attempted robberies, and firearm offences, mostly in west London, between August 1987 and November of last year. He was finally caught after Det Sergeant Glynn Hill appealed help on the television

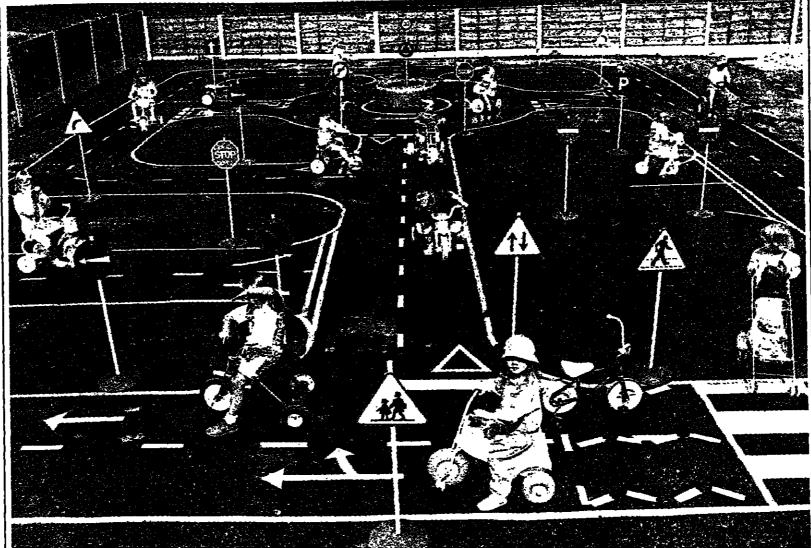
A FAILED businessman who last November. Within five tion from viewers, Simpson was arrested. An earlier appeal for assistance on the Crimewatch UK in December 1988 failed to give police any

In fact, the police had many excellent witness statements giving detailed descriptions of the robber. They also had security camera pictures of him on six of the raids. However, because he caught the train back to Scotland each time, detectives began to feel they were looking for a "will o'

the wisp".

Mrs Rebecca Poulet, for the prosecution, said that Simpson made the home of his 80year-old mother his crime headquarters, but she had no idea of her son's activities. The robberies were well executed and in a very cool manner," Mrs Poulet said. "He was also in disguise and alone." His total haul amounted to £45,852, all of which he spent on living and travelling expenses, she said.

Sentencing Simpson, Sir James Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, told him: "I give you credit for your pleas of guilty and your previously hard working life. But these were appalling offences and disgusting and frightening pieces of behaviour."



Road sense: Children at a play school in Tyldesley, Greater Manchester, learning road safety skills yesterday on a specially-built 500ft Tarmac circuit created by Mrs Carol Reilly,

the school's owner. The circuit has a zebra crossing, a roundabout and most of the more common road signs, as well as its own policeman and lollipop lady. A one-way system and, almost

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obligatory these days, a road works scheme, are being planned. Mrs Reilly, aged 32, said: "Most tots are taught to ride their bikes in the garden, but not many of them are

build a track of our own and teach them ourselves." Practical tuition on the circuit is reinforced by lectures

Changes urged on public schools

By Douglas Broom Education Reporter

INDEPENDENT schools were yesterday urged to swallow their fears about the National Curriculum and adopt it in full at the same time as the state sector.

Dr Arthur Hearnden, general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council. said the public schools could not afford to ignore the

Addressing 200 independent school heads at the annual conference of the Common Entrance Board in London, Dr Hearnden predicted that even common entrance would come to reflect the style of the new

Many independent schools have said they are willing to adopt the National Curriculum programmes of study for the three core and seven foundation subjects. Dr Hearnden urged them to go further and agree to use the Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) which will test the progress of state sector pupils. Six independent schools were already taking part in national trials of the SATs and pupils had greeted them enthusiastically, he said.

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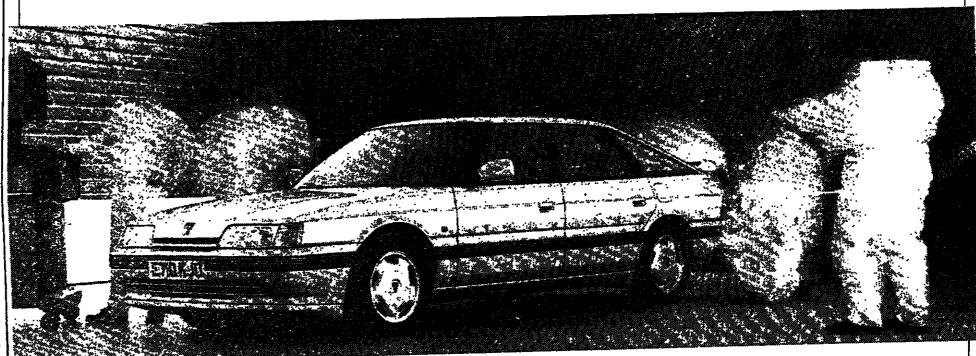
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Moscow moves 2,000 tanks out of treaty range

destroyed under an East-West conventional forces treaty by moving them behind the Ural mountains, out of the treaty's scope, a Nato military official said vesterday.

In a separate development, apparently unrelated to the treaty, it has also increased its artillery weapons in East Germany by 15 per cent.

Under the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, which is now being negotiated in Vienna, the number of tanks kept in the central European area between the Atlantic and the Urals by Warsaw Pact and Nato forces will be limited. Each side will be limited to Brian Kenny, Deputy Su-20,000 tanks, which means the preme Allied Commander in

THE Soviet Union has saved Soviet Union will have to Europe, said yesterday that he 2,000 of its tanks from being destroy more than 30,000 had heard reports about the tanks, compared with about

Soviet move, although he did

not have independent

they are starting to move out

some of their equipment be-fore a CFE treaty is signed."

he said. "The agreement does

The withdrawal is not a

reement, and there is noth-

violation of any international

ing to stop Nato copying it by

moving some of its own tanks

gain because any tanks with-

drawn would have to be stored

3,000 miles away, in the

United States. In an emer-gency it would take the US far longer than the Soviet Union

to bring back its reserves into

central Europe.

The treaty will involve the

destruction of far fewer Nato

than Warsaw Pact tanks,

because the Pact has always

had a large superiority in this

The motives for the Soviet increase in artillery strength in

East Germany are less clear.

According to the source, the

Group of Soviet Forces Ger-

many increased its total "artil-

lery tubes" – meaning barrels

and some kinds of launchers -

by 15 per cent between December 1988 and last

This is not seen as a sign of

bad faith or aggressive in-tentions on Moscow's part,

but has served as a reminder

that the threat has not entirely

General Kenny said that to

speak of a threat was now "a

and the Soviet Union should

be seen more as "a potential

adversary". But he added:

"They still have 130 divisions

and 70 of those could be

converted into the central

It is still not clear how far

Moscow will go in making a reality of the "defensive de-

fence" concept. General Kenny said: "I see an enor-

mous offensive potential

concentrated, powerful mili-

tary-economic potential of a

united Germany in Central

Europe would alarm neigh-

bours stripped of the possibil-ity to bind Germany in a

security system." The best

option was the incorporation

of Germany into "the political

General Batenin's article

indicates that there may be

strong dissension inside the

Soviet political and military

On the idea for joint alli-

"Double membership

ance membership, the general

would be sensible only if the

Warsaw Pact had good pros-

pects. In the face of the new

(non-communist) govern-

ments in East European states, there is no hope of that." He

added: "The ideological basis

the Pact has been

hierarchy over the whole issue

of German reunification.

organization of Nato."

rather emotional concept'

disappeared.

capability."

area of armaments.

However, Nato has less to

back across the Atlantic.

"It is of serious concern if

confirmation.

However, only those tanks exceeding the agreed limit and inside the treaty area will have to be destroyed. Moscow has used the recent departure of some of its tanks from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and not include forces east of the East Germany to show its Urals." commitment to a more peace-

The Nato information suggests that many of the tanks have been pulled back far beyond the western part of the Soviet Union, in which they would have remained vulnerable to the treaty. General Sir

Focus on German military status

From Ian Murray, Bonn

THE military status of a an end to plans to update united Germany will domi- short-range nuclear weapons, nate the "two plus four" talks, along with negotiations to cut the first real negotiations lead-ing to the country's reunificathe existing numbers, and an early Nato summit to plan more conventional arms tion, that open here today.

Essentially, the task of the foreign ministers of the four victorious Second World War allies and their counterparts from the two Germanies is to find a way in which the Soviet a united Germany's membership of Nato.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, seems as anxious as anyone to find a formula. He arrived here yesterday morning hinting at a compromise on the formal Soviet position that a united Germany must be neutral. "We are going to talk a united Germany must be in seriously. An historical process is beginning."

At the same time, Mr the Soviet opposition to the of Nato membership was not unified country belonging to Nato. "For such a giant to belong to one bloc, one alliance, will not create conunited country must contri- character. Herr Genscher's bute to peace and stability in Europe.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German min- new co-operative security ister who will chair today's structure, and that it is only by meeting, is seeking to put persuading the Soviets of this e or reassi ing commitments that would accept Germany in Nato. persuade the Soviets that Gerfor stability within Nato than enhanced role for the 35- arms verification centre. nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

be a member of the Nato

alliance in the interests of

enin, a military adviser to the

Communist Party's Central

Committee, also rejected the

proposal put forward by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the

Soviet Foreign Minister, for

Germany to be a member of

both Nato and the Warsaw

Pact. He described the idea as

pointless, since the Warsaw

Pact had no future as an

The remarks, which run

counter to all the most recent

statements put out by Mr

Gorbachov and Mr Shevard-

nadze, appear in an article

written by the general in

Berliner Zeitung, an East Ger-

East and West Germany

begin talks in Bonn today

with the four Second World

man daily newspaper.

alliance.

Major-General Geli Bat-

European security.

reductions. In preparation for today's meeting, Herr Genscher had bilateral sessions yesterday with Mr Shevardnadze, with Mr James Baker, the Ameri-Union can come to terms with can Secretary of State, and with Herr Markus Meckel, the East German Foreign Minister. He is to see Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and M. Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, over breakfast today before the round table meeting gets under way. All, save the

Soviets, have already said that

In his meeting with Mr Shevardnadze, Herr Genscher Shevardnadze elaborated on emphasized that the question negotiable. Herr Genscher was able to point to President Bush's speech as evidence that Nato was preparing to change ditions for stability," he said; a its posture and even its closest advisers say he believes that a changing, uniting Europe must be reflected by a WILL DE DIEDBLEG

As part of the process of many would be a greater force partially "demilitarising" Nato, he will be pressing for a as an unattached, neutral second round of conventional power. The blueprint for such arms reductions talks in Via strategy was mapped out by enna. He will also be seeking President Bush in a speech in to build up the Conference on Oklahoma yesterday. Herr Security and Co-operation in Genscher has applauded its Europe to include a conflict main elements, including an management centre and an

Moment of truth, page 12

nation should join Nato

A SENIOR Soviet officer War Allied powers to work out many can scarcely correspond A SENIOR Soviet officer war Allieu powers to work out apparently close to President the security status of a greater to the interests of European security." he wrote. "The

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Mr Shevardnadze: Wants

Germans in both alliances



MRS Thatcher and President Mitterrand of France enjoying the sunshine yes-terday at Waddeson Manor, near Aylesbury. Buckinghamshire, when they agreed to increase co-operation on defence and security in Europe, including the nuclear field. The Prime Minister said: "We feel we should co-operate more closely on security and defence matters ... in every possible way. We

must draw up a programme of enhanced co-operation" (Our Foreign Staff writes). M Mitterrand said at a joint press conference: "We have decided to coordinate our co-operation on all these matters that relate to security in Europe. Nothing is precluded." The two leaders said the proposal was in line with efforts to increase the role of European members in Nato. They also hailed the

decision by President Bush on Thursday to stop the modernization of short-range nuclear missiles installed in Europe. Both reaffirmed their support for President Gorbachov in the face of serious internal difficulties with his economic and political reform programmes. It was announced that M Mitterrand is to go to Moscow on May 25 for talks with

May Day 'extremists' blamed

From Mary Dejevsky

STATEMENTS by two senior officials blaming "individual extremists" for the protests against the Soviet Government yesterday broke three days' of Communist Party silence about the May Day demonstration in Moscow, Only Izvestia had previously admitted that President Gorbachov and his party left Red Square early when the crowd began chanting anti-party and anti-Politburo slogans.

The disintegration of the Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, Warsaw Pact has prompted who is a member of the Nato to consider setting up Politburo and the Presidential more multinational groups of Council and is regarded as Mr its own forces. It has been Gorbachov's closest confiassumed that the military dant, told disbelieving journa-lists that the people shouting would be against it on cost and efficiency grounds. However slogans against the regine on it was disclosed yesterday that May Day had been a small a Nato military report recomminority of "ultra-reactionmends that the decision aries and extreme consershould be seen as entirely a vatives" whose views pro-ceeded from the old "slavish political matter. It is understood that it sets passivity of the people and out the advantages and dishatred of democracy".

advantages but makes it clear Mr Yakovlev's meeting the military would be willing with the Soviet and foreign to work with more multipress had been planned long national units. General Kenny before the politically embarpredicted that more would rassing events of May Day, indeed be set up and said there but he arrived well prepared would be some advantages. for the predictable questions and delivered what was clearly an agreed statement. As he revealed, "the question of the May Day events is being Soviet general says united

actively discussed". Mr Yakovlev said that from the top of Lenin's Tomb, where he had stood with the official party, the demonstration by informal groups looked like a "crowd of ruffians at a traditional old Russian street fair". He said the slogans were "uniust and insulting" and would have

in any country". The official party, he said, had decided to leave the reviewing stand "for political reasons because we did not agree with those ultra-right and conservative positions represented by those on the square". He recommended that people should learn the lesson of the demonstration, be on their guard and realize the danger of such phenomcna. The extremists, he said,

showed "the past we are trying to escape". The second party comment on the demonstration came in Pravda, which had not until yesterday reported details of the protest or the premature departure of Mr Gorbachov. The paper printed an interview with Mr Yuri Prokofyev, tion, accompanied by pictures of fist-waving youths and a banner which read: "The party

of Lenin, get out of the way". Pravda's original silence on the subject of the Moscow demonstration was privately criticized by a number of its senior journalists and it may not be coincidental that the main news headline on yesterday's front page - relating to the official "Day of the press" today - said: "What have we not written about?". In Russian, the formulation is ambiguous and it can mean iust as well: "What we did not

write about". Mr Prokofyev told the paper that the city authorities they wanted to spoil the had initially tried to separate holiday, poison it with the first, trade-union-spon- confrontation and schism and Square from the second or- situation in the capital. Those ganized by the Moscow Vot- (in the official parties) gathers' League. The Council of ered on Red Square viewed Ministers, however had made this disgraceful spectacle with the counter-proposal that the distress and anger." second demonstration should

Mr Prokofyev said he had

day of unity, not division.

the First Secretary of the sibility required by the occa- conservatives who understand Moscow city party organiza- sion and not allow their that the success of perestroika feelings to run away with them. Unfortunately, ambitions". splendidly successful May Day was spoiled by a genuine

provocation". Among the 25,000 or so crowd had been "a group of maliciously in-clined people" and there had been "slogans that were insulting beyond the bounds of all decency which smeared the leaders of the country, the party and the President, coarse shouting verging on swearing and whistles". He Mr Yakoviev's outspoken emphasized repeatedly, how-

ever, that there had been no threat to law and order. He went on: "The aim of these people was quite clear, ering of people who wanted to sored demonstration in Red aggravate an already complex for moving against the ex-

Differing slightly from Mr follow the first on Red Square Yakovlev in the political because May Day should be a direction of those he believed most to blame, Mr Prokofyev said: "This destructive ten-

The new version of Moscow's 1990 May Day - which will doubtless become the new orthodoxy to be reproduced by every official spokesman and publication in the next few weeks - has converted what was a mass anti-regime protest into the action of a small minority of extremists from both ends of the political

condemnation of the extreme right suggests that the leadership might try to use what was a predominantly radical gathdo away with the party economic reform as a pretext groups like the monarchists, anarchists and so on, very few people will be affected.

But, if it means that the upper echelons of the party will try to blame the Moscow demonstration on the party conservatives, then President Gorbachov might soon signal hoped that the demonstrators dency harbours both extreme a new policy shift towards

would understand the respon- left radicals and extreme right reform. Kremlin adviser rules out talks with independent Lithuania

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

chov's closest advisers said yesterday that Moscow was not trying to keep Lithuania in the Soviet Union by force but simply wanted the republic to about. seek independence within the been thought "inflammatory framework of the Soviet

Constitution. Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, a member of the Politburo, and Central Committee Secretary, was speaking to journalists at a pre-arranged meeting in Moscow.

Questioned closely about whether Moscow wanted Lithuania to rescind its March 11 declaration of independence. or whether "freezing" or "suspending" either the declaration or the legislation that proceeded from it would be a sufficient basis for talks to awaiting further amendment

commit himself. He insisted, however, that so long as Lithuania said that Lithuanians declared their was an independent state there could be no talks with was no law on secession to Moscow. An independence comply with. declaration, he said, had to Threat denied: Mr Yakov-

ONE of President Gorba- come at the end of talks, as the lev denied that there had been result of negotiations, not any show of strength by the before they had begun. Until military on February 25. He Lithuania accepted that, he said, there was nothing to talk

> Mr Yakovlev's remarks indicate that the underlying obstacle to talks with Lithuania from Moscow's point of view is less the small print of any concessions than an attitude of mind.

The Soviet leadership wants the breakaway Lithuanian government to accept - and the form of words is probably secondary - that it must still operate according to the Soviet Constitution and

within Soviet laws. This is despite the fact that the Soviet Constitution is still begin, Mr Yakovlev refused to on relations between the republics, and despite the fact that, at the time that the republic independent, there

said the first he had heard of such rumours was from foreign reports yesterday.

He said that there had been no threat or démarche against President Gorbachov from the



Mr Yakovlev: Denied any show of strength by Army

Britain ready to abolish visas

From Michael Binyon Brussels

BRITAIN will announce on Monday that it will uni-laterally abolish visas for East Germans if the other European Community countries do not all agree to the same move together.

Britain believes it no longer makes any sense to demand visas, as any East German can now go across to West Germany and get a West German DASSPORT Lifting visas for all East

European countries will be discussed by European Community foreign ministers here on Monday. But despite strong calls for a relaxation from the emergent East European democracies, the Twelve are balking at any swift removal of visas for all countries this side of the Soviet Union. There are real fears still in

Britain, and in several other EC members, that thousands of Poles with relatives in the West would try to settle. Without visas their illegal immigration could not easily be checked. There are also lingering security fears that communist agents from Bulgaria and Romania may still be active and take advantage of easier travel to infiltrate themselves in the West.

The EC wants a unified approach. Already most countries, including Britain, have significantly cased visa requirements, especially for businessmen and students. But whereas it takes only about an hour to get a visa on the spot when arriving at Budapest airport, Hungarians wanting to travel to Britain have to apply up to two weeks in advance for a visa. Italy has already abolished

visa requirements for Hungary and Czechoslovakia. But in pushing the EC to do the same. Italy has actually slowed down a relaxation, by linking agreement to drop visas for East Germans to a similar relaxation by all EC members for Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The question of visas for East Germans was the main stumbling block holding up agreement last year by five founder members of the Community - France, Germany and the Benelux nations – to remove all internal borders between them. This treaty will now be signed within the next few weeks, following a joint agreement last week to lift visas for Eas

Germans. The five, called the Schengen group after the Luxembourg town where the idea was mooted in 1985, were on the point of signing a treaty in December, but talks broke down at the last minute over the prospect of a flood of East German immigrants. The Dutch also were worried by the stricter laws the other four countries had on political asylum, which threatened to divert all refugees to the

Netherlands. The use of Luxembourg as a tax haven was another irritant to its neighbours. And there were general worries that too little thought had been given to the effect abolition of frontiers would have on drugs, terrorism, gun laws, extradition and hot pursuit by police forces.

All these questions have now been settled. The Schengen treaty is seen as a vital precursor of a frontierfree Europe, one of the most controversial issues still to be settled in the 1992 single market programme.

Britain still has strong objections to removing all frontier controls, and wants residual rights to check for drugs, terrorists and animal health violations at entry points. Britain argues that it has a natural advantage as an island in enforcing such checks more cheaply than on the continent. Similar sentiments have been expressed in Ireland.

■ EAST BERLIN: West Germans will be able to enter formerly communist East Germany with just their personal identity cards from June I, the government said yes-terday (Reuter reports). Pre-viously they needed passports.

Embittered Latvians grasp at final chance to salvage their identity Russia itself will greatly increase the flow Latvians, particularly younger ones. The

From Anatol Lieven

THE ornate 19th-century parliament building in which the debate on Latvia's independence process is proceeding is itself a testament to Latvia's complicated national past. It was built as the Hall of the Nobility, for the region's former German rulers, but who in the 19th century were already under the rule of the Russian Tsars. Today, amidst the Teutonic symbolism, the modern stained glass windows in the press centre

still celebrate the glories of Soviet rule. Riga until shortly before the First World War had a German, Jewish and Russian majority. In the 1940s, the ancient German and Jewish communities were evacuated or slaughtered, and under Soviet rule since the Second World War a flood of mainly Russianspeaking immigrants has reduced the

cent of the population of Riga. Since the immigration had been accompanied by political tyranny, steep economic decline and the vulgarization of culture, it has naturally created very bitter emotions among the Latvians.

A racist placard outside the parliament, showing a ragged, brutish Russian family barred from entering the Latvian "paradise" only demonstrates publicly a feeling that the great majority of Latvians express more privately.

When the Popular Front chairman, Mr Dainis Ivans, now First Deputy President, spoke in parliament of the danger that without Latvian political power, continuing immigration would reduce Latvians to a hopeless minority, he was expressing a universal fear.

in particular, he and his colleagues believe that without a Latvian state to prevent it, growing economic misery in in the coming years.

Two other factors lie behind the speeded up moves to gain independence, and the emotional, fervently nationalis-tic rhetoric of many Popular Front leaders - both things which are deeply worrying to many non-Latvians.

The first is that these leaders are fulfilling what seemed for many decades to be a hopeless dream; and at what seems to them like the very last moment. It is not surprising that Mr Ivans should sometimes stray into national mysticism of a kind somewhat reminiscent of the 1930s. The children's choir outside partiament yesterday were not indulging in quaint "folklore" - they were celebrating the survival of a still endangered national culture.

The second reason is that the Popular Front leaders are deeply worried about the apathy and cynicism of many

long years of Soviet rule have had their effect, and many ordinary people with whom I have spoken are contemptuous of politics in general, and surprisingly disengaged from the independence process. Outside the parliament yesterday the great majority of demonstrators for and against independence were elderly and rather pathetic. The leaders, therefore, feel that they have to go on stirring up Latvian feeling, whatever the cost in

The perceived need for national solidarity is reflected in the national composition of the new Government, which is expected to contain at most two non-Latvian ministers out of a total of 17. Explaining this in parliament, Mr Ivans spoke in terms which are not reassuring for the peace of a country facing some of the same dilemmas of "power sharing" as Northern Ireland:

ethnic relations.

"The Popular Front is the fourth which has won the elections, and as elsewhere in the world, retains the right unilaterally to form the Council of Ministers".

Despite Latvian stereotypes, however, most of the present non-Latvian population was born in Latvia. It is more than 400 years since the Russian Army first fought its way down the Daugava to the sea, and almost 300 since Peter the Great annexed the Baltic provinces.

Two of the leaders of the Soviet Loyalist Interfront Movement, Mr Anatoli Alexeyev and Ms Tatiana Zhdanok, come respectively from Russian and Jewish families which have been settled here for centuries.

Since Peter the Great's conquest, with the exception of a brief 20-year period between the wars, Riga under the tsars and Communists has been one of Russia's greatest seaports. With over one million people out of a Latvian popula-

tion of only 2.7 million, its economic and strategic importance for the Soviet Union dwarfs that of Vilnius or Tallinn. So too, perhaps, does its emotional importance for the Soviet army. Latvia has been a favourite place of retirement for Soviet officers and their families, and many now lead the anti-independence

The stage is set for a crucial test of whether the peaceful disintegration of the Soviet Union is possible, particularly for republics with large national minor-

● VILNIUS: Lithuania's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, told Parliament vesterday that the rebel republic would run out of oil by May 20 as a result of Moscow's economic blockeds (P) blockade (Reuter reports). He said Lithuanian representatives planned to go to the neighbouring republic of Belorussia soon to discuss buying pi

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المكذا من الأصل US presses Europe for new Central America aid

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

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ton's demand for a quid pro

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Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

struction and Development,

and the Europeans sense a

certain resentment in Wash-

publicity, for this aid is now

focused on the Community.

the first formal meeting be-

colleagues under the new

arrangements for regular close

co-operation between Wash-

ington and the Community.

Mr Baker met the ministers

immediately after seeing 11 of them earlier in the day at the

Nato Council. The two sides also discussed the EC's role in constructing a European sec-urity framework, and the com-

mon position the Europeans are now working out for the

autumn summit of the 35 signatories of the Conference on Security and Co-operation

One theme that emerged

strongly was the very deep worry President Bush and

other Western leaders share

over the precarious situation

in the Soviet Union. Senior

Europeans said afterwards

that there was a real danger of

political and economic col-

lapse in the Soviet Union, and

ing his Nato colleagues that matters were rapidly "crum-bling" in the Soviet Union.

Senior officials said Mr Baker had painted an excep-tionally bleak picture of the

situation, but they agreed that

the West needed to keep u

the pressure on Mr Gorba-

chov on such issues as Lithuania and the Vienna

conventional arms talks. "It will not help Mr Gorbachov at

all if we simply drop all our

demands. The West has to

continue to make its position

plain," one senior official said. The foreign ministers linked

the domestic crisis in the

Soviet Union to Moscow's

now being taken over a unified Germany's membership of Nato. Mr Baker will begin formal ministerial talks of the

"two plus four" group in Bonn today, and will make clear to

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that

the US regards German mem-

bership of the Western alli-

Nato will now engage in an

intensive round of discussions

in London at the end of June

or beginning of July. Mr Baker

What conventional forces

Nato would need in the light

Co-operation in Europe.

the Commission would pay up to a third of the costs of addi-

tional inspectors for the next

five years. The Commission

will pay a fifth of the salaries

of extra inspectors, a third of

the cost of training courses

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Brussels will limit its anti-

fraud aid to £7.4 million for

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EC fund to police

agriculture fraud

From Michael Binyon, Brussels IN RESPONSE to the deter- ricultural Commissioner, said

ance as "non-negotiable".

recent foot-dragging on arms talks and to the tougher line

in Europe.

The subject was raised at

AMERICA has deeply embar-rassed Western Europe by challenging it to be as generous in supporting democracy in Central America as the United States has been in helping Eastern Europe.

Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, issued the challenge at a meeting with the foreign ministers of the European Community here on Thursday evening. He said that Western Europe should contribute to a fund to promote democracy and marketeconomy reforms in Central America and the Caribbean, He specifically compared such aid with that provided by the Group of 24 nations to Eastега Енгоре.

The US would be the coordinator and administrator of such a fund, playing the same role as did Brussels among the Group of 24. Neither figures nor timescale have been suggested, but Washington wants substantial help from the Europeans and Japan to stabilize the situation in Nicaragua, El Salvador and

Rebels Turkey

village guards were also killed. The agency said 17 guerrillas died in Sirnak township, near the Iraqi border, in one of the region's largest anti-rebel operations since fighting this could hold up all arms began in 1984. The other clash

800 sex charges

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Hobart, Tasmania - An unnamed man, aged 45, was remanded in custody after pleading not guilty to more than 800 sex offence charges — 131 counts of rape, 541 counts of indecent assault and 135 counts of aggravated sexual assault allegedly committed over seven years. (AFP)

Helsinki - A cartoon series telling the Bible story from Adam and Eve to the New Testament apostles and aimed mainly at children is to be televised throughout the Soviet Union. (Reuter)

rejected his last appeal. (AFP)

Church post

Orthodox Church head who and meetings to prepare for its died this week. (AFP)

Party change

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mination by European Com-

munity leaders, especially Mrs

Thatcher, to crack down on

fraud within the Twelve, Brus-

sels yesterday announced that

it would pay part of the cost of

extra watchdogs in each coun-

Mr Ray MacSharry, the Ag-

try to police agriculture.

Mr MacSharry:

captive attacks **Britain**

British hostage tincily cool towards the idea.

Asked if he felt Britain should do more to win the release of others, he said:

You bet they should."

Mr Reed is particularly anxious that the two men with whom he was held captive for many months are freed - Mr John McCarthy, the British television journalist, and Mr Brian Keenan, the Belfast schoolteacher with joint Brit-ish and Irish nationality.

to campaign tirelessly for their freedom. In Washington he will be seeing Mr Keenan's sisters, who flew to the US, via



Mr Reed, with his wife Fahima, beginning the last leg of his journey home yesterday

Iran suspends its mediation for hostages

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

on behalf of the foreign hos-tages in Lebanon until western

Other side to show goodwill."

But Mr Velavati gave ar pressure on Israel proves effective to obtain the release of hundreds of Arab prisoners. It also said proposed talks on the four British captives were linked with the Salman Rushdie affair.

Tehran's apparently final word came amid speculation in west Beirut that the captors of most of the 15 foreign hostages are demanding guarantees that neither the United States, Britain or France would seek their extradition or carry out revenge attacks when the captives are freed.

Speaking to reporters in Helsinki, Finland, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, said the kidnappers and Iran were still expecting a sign of goodwill after the release of Mr Robert Polhill and Mr Frank Reed.

"What the Lebanese (kidto reciprocate what they have done," he told a news con-Lebanese Muslims will be

IRAN said yesterday that it practical step from the other was suspending its mediation side... Now is the turn of the

But Mr Velayati gave an indication that Tehran perhaps feels encouraged by President Bush's comment this week that he had "cer-tainly no objection" to Israel freeing some prisoners, who include Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, the abducted Hezbollah cleric. Mr Velayati called on the US and Britain to take the initiative because they "should use their own influence over Israel" to ob-tain the release of hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners and clarify the fate of four Iranians kidnapped by pro-Israeli Christian gunmen.

He denied that his government was negotiating with the United States, but did not refuse direct hostage talks with Britain. However he said that British support for Mr Rushdie was a big obstacle.

Mr Velayati claimed that nappers) have asked us to do the death sentence issued by is to ask the Western countries Ayatollah Khomeini against Ayatollah Khomeini against the author of *The Satanic* Verses was valid for it was ference. "In that case, the based on Islamic law, which Britain should respect. "If persuaded to try more to get they are ready to do so, there the release of other hostages. are no obstacles to talks with We are now waiting for a them," he declared.

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Security forces killed 23 suspected Kurdish guerrillas in clashes in Turkey on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. Three

negotiations and most other Soviet dealings with the West. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, reported on his recent visit to Mccow, warnwas at Dilekli. (AP)

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Killer executed

Starke, Florida - Jessie Tafero, aged 43, who was convicted of killing two policemen in 1976, was executed in the electric chair here after the Supreme Court had

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Kinshasa - Mr Nsinga Udjuu outlined four key areas of Ongwakebi Untube, perma- policy review: nent secretary of the Polit- Ways of enhancing Nato's buro, has taken over as head political role, and how it could of Zaire's ruling party in place strengthen democracy and the of President Mobutu. (AFP) free market in Eastern Europe; of President Mobutu. (AFP)

Nimes - About 15 members of Soviet troop withdrawals of the French bullfighters from Eastern Europe; they say Spaniards are getting weapons; too many of the jobs at a The strengthening of the

Freed From Ian Murray

Bonn

MR FRANK Reed, the latest American hostage to be freed, left the US military hospital at Wiesbaden for Washington yesterday, still highly critical of the British Government's refusal to open talks to free

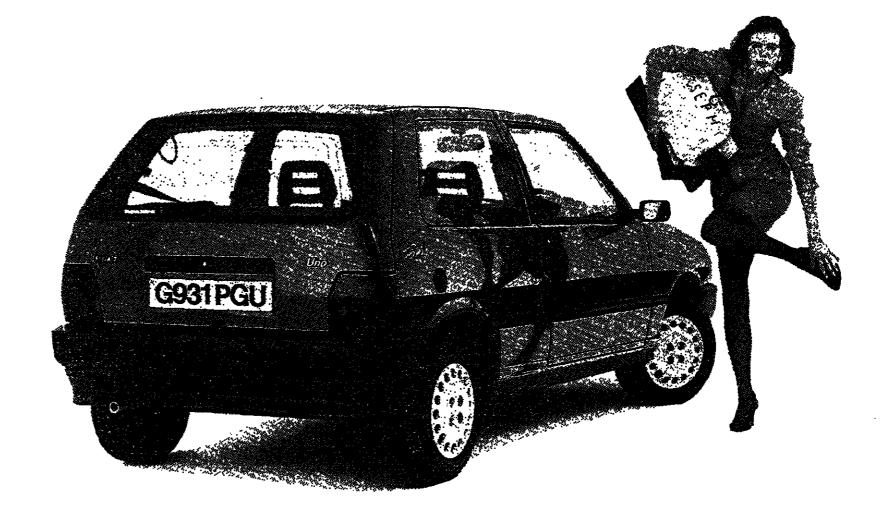
est contributors of emergency aid for Poland and Hungary, which the EC will propose extending on Monday to the five other emerging East European democracies: East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Romania, "They are some of my best mates," he said. He intended America's will also be the largest shareholding in the European Bank for Recon-

ington that all the credit, and Heathrow, yesterday.

One of them, Mrs Brenda Gillham, said: "We want to ... shake him by the hand and thank him for the news that he tween Mr Baker and his EC brought us. We want to know how Brian was when he last saw him. We will be talking with American hostages' families to see how they pressure their Government

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Hong Kong police raid camp and take out 'troublemakers'

From Jonathan Braude, Hong Kong

here yesterday after an outbreak of violence which forced police to fire a barrage of about 100 tear-gas cannisters. Police on Thursday foiled a breakout at the camp by firing a much smaller quantity of

Yesterday's attack at what is considered Hong Kong's most came as boat people resisted a big pre-dawn search for weapons by an unprecedented 1,200 armed officers in riot gear and another 300 prison service staff. Boat people formed makeshift barricades of their beds as the tear gas was fired over roof-tops and into huts at the sprawling centre, home to 22,000 people. It is believed some feared the huge police presence meant they were about to be rounded up for forced repatriation.

Police rejected accusations of provocation and overkill, claiming that they gave the boat people every opportunity to allow the search to go ahead peacefully. Commander Jeff

SOME 180 "troublemakers" unit, said: "We had very large were removed from the numbers of adult males Whitehead detention centre attacking our columns with bars ... We explained to people that we were here to conduct a weapons search and nothing else."

More than 2,500 homemade weapons were found. Police and prison service staff earched adults and children alike. Those rounded up for transfer to prisons elsewhere in the territory, including several children, had been identified by officials at the camp as "troublemakers".

Another 10 people were arrested for what a government spokesman described as ever message is given to "weapons, dangerous drugs them," he added, arguing that "weapons, dangerous drugs and disorderly conduct offences". Government officials have made it clear that Vietin the camps will be prosecuted and imprisoned to separate them from other Vietnamese. Plans to isolate the troublemakers in a special medium-security camp on Chi Ma Wan island in Hong Kong harbour will, however, have to wait until building is finished.

The police raid yesterday

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escapes from Whitehead and other camps, confrontations with the police and calls by local political activists for the British Army to be brought in.

the local representative of the United Nations High Com-missioner for Refugees, had warned of rising tensions in the camps earlier in the week, singling out Whitehead as a "mouster" which "has become a camp of major difficulties. It is difficult to manage a camp with 22,000 people. Over time, major tensions build up.

"When tensions rise, people become less receptive to whatthis was already hampering efforts to counsel boat people to return to Vietnam under namese committing offences the UN-sponsored voluntary repatriation programme.

Mr Sergio Veira de Mello, the High Commissioner's regional chief, warned earlier this year that parts of Whitehead were fast becoming "nogo areas" for relief workers, but Mr Mike Hanson, the government refugee co-or-



Riot police searching inmates of the Whitehead camp for weapons yesterday. Tear gas was employed when detainees built barricades, fearing forcible repatriation.

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Bristol & West Building Society, PO Box 27, Broad Quay, Bristol BS99 7AX. Mongolia and China aim for 'peace border'

Mongolia arrived in China yesterday for the first top-level meeting between the two countries since 1962. Mr Ochirbat, whose visit

has attracted bitter criticism from opposition politicians in Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital, was greeted by President Yang Shangkun in Tiananmen Square. Later, the Mongolian delegation held talks with Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, who talked of making their com-mon frontier "a border of peace", and of developing trade and cultural relations while not interfering in each other's "internal affairs". Chinese television made much of Mr Ochirbat's visit on the

news programme.
The Mongolian President was accused by opposition activists in Ulan Bator of walking out on a national crisis. They called on him to delay the visit, and deal instead with their calls for further democratic reform. Last week, for the first time, the ruling communist party ordered security forces - albeit unarmed - on to the streets during an illegal demonstration in the capital.

in the town of Moron, 17 people are on hunger strike live of them in hospital Opposition activists have been gathering in Ulan Bator demanding that the Govern-ment lift restrictions on the forthcoming elections.

In contrast, the centre of Peking was quiet yesterday, although it was the anniver-sary of one of last year's largest student marches.

The Mongolian opposition coalition warned on Thursday that the very different political approaches of the Chinese and Mongolian leaderships could cause Mr Ochirbat's visit to backfire and harm relations. Talks between Mr Ochirbat and China's leaders, it said, might simply emphasize the contradictions between Pe-

Mr Ochirbat: Accused of walking out on a crisis

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PRESIDENT Ochirbat of communist giants, has shadowed the Soviet Union in its relations with China. As the Sino-Soviet split developed, it was to the northern neighbour that Mongolia pledged its allegiance. Chairman Mao made threatening noises about Ulan Bator was sufficiently intimidated to invite Moscow to station soldiers along the

These troops are to be withdrawn by the end of 1992. With the reduction of border tension, confidence was sufficiently high for the present talks. But Mongolia is again echoing Moscow and Mr Ochirhat has followed President Gorbachov to Peking.

However, Mongolia's leaders are gradually freeing them-selves from the patronage of the Soviet Union and trade with Eastern Europe, and beginning to look elsewhere for investment and cash. Mongolia may be looking to China's northern ports for its

 Socialism plea: China marked the 71st anniversary of its first democracy movement yesterday with an appeal to young people to devote themselves to the cause of

Dissidents sent back to Burma

From Neil Kelly

THAILAND returned 33 political dissidents who had fled from the military regime in Burma to their own country yesterday, according to officials at Ranong on the southwest coast where witnesses saw them put on board a boat which was controlled by Bur-

A Christian Aid worker who watched the vessel head towards the Burmese coast said that the soldiers probably were there to force the dissidents to work as ammunition porters for the Burmese Army, which is fighting Karen and other ethnic rebels near the Thai

some of the 3,500 Burmese refugees forcibly repatriated by Thailand in the past 18 months. Others were imprisoned without trial and their

Most of those sent back yesterday were adult students who had been on hunger strike, in protest against their deportation, in a Bangkok jail where they were held as illegal

Officials of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Western aid organizations and Western diplomats are trying to persuade the Thai Government not to deport refugees whose lives might be at risk in their own country, but the Thai authorities appear determined to

The dissidents' return could also put their relatives in danger. Rangoon-based Western diplomats have disclosed that relatives of political prisoners are being evicted from their homes and put in prison camp-type settlements.

Karamanlis wins second term at 83

From Chris Eliou, Athens

MR CONSTANTINE Karamanlis, the grand old man of Greek politics, was re-elected yesterday as President of Greece at the age of 83. It will be his second five-year term as head of state, a position he held from 1980 to 1985.

The veteran statesman returned to politics at the request of the Prime Minister, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, whose conservative New Democracy party won a narrow victory in last month's general election.

Mr Karamanlis came back to the helm during one of Greece's worst postwar eco-nomic crises. The Government hopes he will enhance its prestige and help restore Greece's credibility abroad after eight years of Socialist rule. Immediately after the voting, Mr Mitsotakis said: "I am certain that the election of Mr Karamanlis satisfies the wishes of the entire Greek people. Mr Karamanlis is not the choice of any one party. because he is far above parties."

Mr Karamanlis, who was recently rated in opinion polls as Greece's most popular politician, secured 153 votes, two more than the minimum required in the second ballot in the 300-member, single-chamber Parliament. Mr Yannis Alevras, the socialist Pasok candidate and former Speaker

votes, and the Communistbacked candidate, Professor Constantine Despotopoulos,

21 votes. Mr Karamanlis was backed by the 150 votes of the New Democracy party, together with one vote from a small centre-right party and the votes of two independent Muslim MPs. He will be sworn in today, replacing Mr Christos Sartzetakis, whose term expired last month.

The election of Mr Karamanlis marks the return of one of the most charismatic figures of modern Greek politics. He was Prime Minister for eight years before the colonels seized power in 1967.

When the junta fell, he made a triumphant return from exile in Paris and founded the New Democracy party. He was Prime Minister for a further six years, restoring the Greek democratic systems and securing his country's full membership of the European Community in 1981, a crowning moment in

Although the presidency is a largely ceremonial post, Mr Karamanlis will be able to exert marked influence because of his unique status in Greece's turbulent political life. On being elected, he said: "I will be the President of all Greeks, seek national unity and the consolidation of a of Partiament, received 125 calm political life in Greece."

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king's hardline ideological stance and Ulan Bator's reform and free elections. Mongolians have bitter memories of centuries of domination by the Manchus, which came to an end in 1911. Ulan Bator's museum has a room devoted to the methods border. of torture practised by Man-That has been the fate of chus on Mongolians. When the Chinese returned in 1919 the Mongolians turned to the Soviet Bolsheviks for help. vears later. Mon followed the example of its families harassed by military northern neighbour, and prointelligence agents who folclaimed the Mongolian Peolowed them everywhere. ple's Republic, making Mongolia the world's second-oldest socialist state. Mongolia, uncomfortably wedged in between the two immigrants. continue the repatriation. All you have to do is leave a minimum of £5,000 (maximum

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King Husain 'fired at by gunboat of Israeli Navy

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

tary officials said yesterday Jordanian waters, spending a they were investigating reports that the Israeli Navy had nearly started the next Middle East war by mistake a week ago by firing at King Husain of the border in fishing boats. East war by mistake a week Jordan while he was standing on the deck of the royal

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ment yesterday, the Israeli military spokesman said there had been "the routine firing of only a few bullets" by an Israeli vessel to check firing mechanisms "in the context of a routine patrol",

According to the Israeli daily Haaretz, the incident took place in the Gulf of Aqaba (known to the Israelis paper. "He was standing on as the Gulf of Eilat) on the Red Sea last Saturday. Both President Bush and Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of Jordanian monarch, seizing State, were immediately in- command of the yacht himformed and were said to have self, swiftly turned it in the reacted to the news with shock direction of Saudi Arabia and and anger.

Awkward and sometimes dangerous incidents are not as it went, and only stopped unknown in the Red Sea, shooting when the royal yacht where Israel comes face to face in international waters with Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Eilat, the Israeli beach resort, is only just across the bay from the Jordanian port of Agaba, where King Husain has a summer residence.

On a number of occasions, windsurfers from Eilat, carried away either by currents or



EMBARRASSED Israeli mili- enthusiasm, have strayed into night or two in a Jordanian have been fired at by Egyptian

In the latest and most serious incident, Haaretz said. the captain of an Israeli gun-In a carefully worded state- boat became alarmed when he spotted two Jordanian vessels in international waters. Unknown to him, the first boat was King Husain's personal yacht and the second was an accompanying Jordanian na-val vessel. "Nobody should have had any doubt that the King was on board the boat," one military source told the deck, and clearly identifiable."

None the less, the Israeli boat opened fire, and the safety. The report said the Israeli vessel gave chase, firing shooting when the royal yacht reached Saudi waters. Neither the yacht nor the accompanying Jordanian patrol boat returned fire, Haaretz said.

The Israeli military spokesman said no shots had been fired directly at King Husain's yacht, and no chase had been conducted. "There are longstanding and clear rules of conduct for the Israeli Navy during the passage of King Husain's yacht through the Gulf of Eilat."

These rules had been observed during the incident, in which the Israeli boat had been in the centre of the Gulf in Israeli waters. Fire had been directed to the south, with "no other vessels endangered."

Sources said that Jordan had "protested sharply" about the incident to both Israel and



Students at Mills College in Oakland, California, giving vent to their grief yesterday at the decision by the institute to become co-education

Anguish as women's college admits men

From Charles Brea New York

IN THE roaring days of the California Gold Rush in the mid-19th century, the miners used to entrust their daughters to the safety of Mills College, a genteel refuge they founded across the bay from San Francisco.

Yesterday, the successors to those young ladies attended special sessions of "grief therapy" to help overcome the shock inflicted when the college trustees decided to admit men to the all-female institution. The students, graduates and most of the staff at Mills, one of the few surviving singlesex colleges, had fought passionately to keep men out of the leafy campus, near the big university at Berkeley.

"We have been betrayed," Miss Robin Fisher, president of the student body, cried out as the news was announced. "We are women and we

will not accept this." Hundreds of weeping students joined in chanting 'No, no", drowning out the loudspeakers of the college officials.

Mrs Mary Metz, the college president, who had taken the students' side, said: "Mills will emerge from the process with a renewed commitment to women." For weeks, the women had worn T-shirts with slogans like "Better Dead than Co-ed".

A Mills education is a "nurturing" and "empowering" experience for women that would be disrupted by a male presence; as soon as men appear. they dominate and intimidate, the women maintain, citing extensive scholarly works to support their case. Their hostility reflects a new assertiveness in universities as young women complain that, a quarter of a century after the feminist revolution, men still treat them as inferiors.

For the past few months, feminists

and educators of all kinds have been sounding the alarm over the tide of male chauvinism that is said to be sweeping American universities. Male students are said to be harassing women students. Just this week, three undergraduates at St John's University, outside New York, were charged with severe sexual assault - a crime that carries a 25-year prison sentence.

In Massachusetts, a furore erupted this week in Wellesley College, another venerable women's college, over an invitation to Mrs Barbara Bush to address the graduation ceremony. Although the First Lady was invited by a vote, 150 graduating students have been expressing their "outrage" at the choice of a "woman who has gained recognition through the achievements of her husband, which contravenes what we have been

President Bush stepped in on

Thursday, saying: "I think these young women can have a lot to learn from Barbara Bush, and from her unselfishness and from her advocacy of literacy and of being a good mother, and a lot of other things." Mrs Bush still plans to attend.

The Mills trustees decided to admit men because the declining student population in America was hurting the college financially. Over the past 30 years, the number of women's colleges in the US has dropped from 298 to 94. The big changes took place in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

At Sarah Lawrence, a New York state institution that went co-educational years ago, Mrs Marilyn Katz, the dean, said that the admission of men had created "a more charged" atmosphere. "There's a low level of spring fever all year long." But the college did not regret the change, she

Killings taint Italian election

From Paul Bompard

ITALIANS begin voting tomorrow in nationwide administrative elections after the bloodiest campaign in recent Italian history.

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Prime Minister, said this week: "I refuse to believe the elections are being con-ditioned by murder." Yet, since February, nine local politicians, most of them electoral candidates, have been murdered in Calabria and Catania, regions which are respectively the homes of the Ndrangheta and Camorra riminal organizations.

Investigators believe candidates are being assassinated either because they are honest, or because they belong to a rival group. It is now certain, if there had been any doubt before, that in these regions organized crime thrives cheek by jowl with local politics, and there is the fear that this could condition national politics.

If death and corruption in the south are symptoms of Italian political malaise, another is the growing surge of protest votes against the five parties, Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals, who have run the country since the Second World War.

In the north, disillusionment is taking the form of support for regional political groupings like the Liga Lombarda and the Liga Veneta, which have been called anti-democratic, anti-Italian and racist, but which attracted more than 10 per cent of the vote in some northern constituencies in the 1989 European elections.

The Communist Party, about to adopt a social democratic banner, is also a likely recipient of protest votes.

Given the proportional electoral system, there are unlikely to be dramatic shifts in the political balance. But popular dissatisfaction could send a signal of deeper changes to come.

Wall Street high flyers in Doomsday landing

Bar, the watering hole of young Wall Street talent, and you could imagine yourself on suffering heavily because it is board the Titanic or perhaps in Saigon before the dash for

the last helicopter. "Man, I've been lucky to survive this long," says Dave, aged 27, a trader with an old city investment house, who arrived too late for the boom time. "It's just like a massacre, watching all those people packing up and hawking their

His sentiments are shared by Kelly, a trainee stockbroker, who says she sits for hours waiting for the tele-phone to ring. "It's so dif-ferent from what we expected, all that Masters of the Universe stuff. I read the newspaper half the day."

All around the New York area, from the bureaucrats of City Hall to estate agents in the Hamptons resort of Long Island, you can hear a similar refrain. The main topic of the Big Apple is the "Doomsday scenario". Whether the scene is Park Avenue dinner parties or the downtown danceterias of TriBeCa, everyone is airing his vision of Gotham's

Armageddon. It goes like this: New York is suffering a nervous break-down. The depression in the financial industry that propelled the 1980s boom is combining with the explosion of social problems - drugs, Aids, murder, homelessness and collapsing schools - to turn America's offshore city into a bankrupt swamp inhabited by crack-heads, beggars and down-and-out Masters of Business Administration (MBAs). As Mr Henry Edwards, a screenwriter, put it with native precision: It's a sinking ship, a city in need of a Marshall Plan, a creep show. It's like the Night of the Living

Conjuring up Apocalypse has always been a local sport; the last Olympics were held in the mid 1970s, when the city flirted with bankruptcy. The contestants this year are numerous. Take another example: Mr Harry Smith, the host of CBS breakfast television, who has just told the nation's viewers to stay away from New York. "It's a filthy. stinking, broken mess. It's Calcutta without the cows."

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The next step in the Doomsday game is always to debate whether the city's famed vitality will once again rescue it from the brink. To answer that, you have to reach far beyond the nuts and bolts of the local economy to look at things like the moral crisis of the US business world. The US economy is now doing better than expected and stay-

SIT any evening in Harry's ing clear of recession, with a believe. credentialled caste of MBAs few exceptions like the car see the investment banks and industry. But New York is bond brokers of New York as a route to instant glamour and so dependent on the financial fortune. and other services. Last year, only 13 per cent

Bad news flows in daily. of Harvard's Business School This week, the city was pro-claimed top in the rankings for class entered investment banking, compared with more cities losing jobs. More symthan 30 per cent in 1987. The bolic, it announced a 25 per once top profession came sec-ond in choice to consultancy cent drop in the number of ocean liners calling at Manwork and only slightly ahead hattan's once-thriving docks. of the real estate business. The About 50,000 financial jobs computer business was fourth, have been lost since the 1987 the highest for any manufaccrash, with the biggest rush turing industry for years. coming last February on the Above all, the latest gradu-

collapse of the junk-bond firm ates expect to serve old-Drexel Burnham Lambert, Alfashioned apprenticeships and though the Dow Jones stock index has climbed back, tradhave been drilled in the new puritan ethic. Among those ing is thin and the big world of preaching to graduating busimergers and acquisitions has ness classes in New York this month is Mr Denis Levine, the insider trader whose 1986 Property values are staggering under the gloom, sending a confessions helped bring down all the others, from Mr Ivan Boesky to Mr Michael

Mayor Dinkins: Talk of

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the city's demise is premature.

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falling in," he says.

Milken. Now out of jail, a repentant Mr Levine said this week that he was impressed by the ethical awareness of the new MBAs "all the way from misappropriating office supplies to out-and-out felonies like insider trading or illegal dumping of toxic wastes."

At the big law firms - many of whose partners made fortunes out of the take-over business — they are also risking a little renewed optimism. Mr David Mcdonald, a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, says he has faith in the city's vitality: "It's a different world. I think it is recognized clearly by everybody that we are in a different era. Wall Street is Over-mortgaged owners of co-operative flats - a remarkably inventive and people will find ways to make favourite type of property in the go-go 1980s - find themmoney out of this new era."

The big question, he says, is whether New York can heal its 'vast and almost intractable" problems. One of the ways the law firms will keep busy. according to Mr Mcdonald, is in "restructuring" all the takeovers which have gone wrong.

A big source of hope, say Mr Dinkins and the optimists in the financial world, is New York's strong position in the new global market place. Where New York was once America's manufacturing heart and then its financial centre, it is fast on the way to establishing itself as the world's information nexus. The telecommunications to cost close to \$1 billion. But revolution has not fragmented Mr Dinkins insists the talk of the financial world. Rather it has given greater power to a

few global centres. For all its current physical decay. New York enjoys a few are many on Wall Street who material advantages. Its office agree. The shake-out after the space is half the cost of mad days of the 1980s, the London's and one quarter of shift from hubris to humility, Tokyo's. will do the city good, they



The seas around Britain are under threat. A lethal combination of pollution and over-fishing is turning the North Sea into another Dead Sea.

There have already been alarming drops in the numbers of seals and porpoises and sea birds are failing to breed for want of food. Developments planned on over half of Britain's estuaries will only add to the death toll. Governments are beginning to take action, but too slowly.

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Faith in the market

ree-market economists have tended not to waste much time on theology, particu-larly if they are British; the dismal science finds the queen of sciences a tiresome irrelevance. But this may only be because most theologians are on the left: a theologian who announces his conversion to

the right is a precious rarity.
When one such turned up in London this week, the Institute of Economic Affairs had to move his lecture to a larger hall to meet the demand for tickets. The star turn was Professor Michael Novak, a minor American guru of the left who is rapidly becoming a major American guru of the right; and his backing and blessing was provided by no less than Professor Brian Griffiths of 10 Downing Street, who, it is said, guides the Prime Minister's hand on her occasional and invariably stormy excursions into theology's deep and chilly waters.

Griffiths is only an economist with theological leanings, however: Novak is the real thing. All he lacked was a dog collar, which he missed by switching his vocation just before completing 12 years of study for the priesthood. So he became a professor of religion instead, and professed to all who would listen the consensus -Marxist masquerading as liberal in which he then moved: that capitalism and Christianity are mulually exclusive. Then he woke up.

What he saw around him, once he had adjusted his consciousness. was American capitalism's vibrant world of wealth creation and human achievement which was bringing about by accident the very objective that socialism was failing to do by design: improving the lot of the people. Novak, of Czech origin and on

his way back to Czechoslovakia after London, is the ideal man to celebrate the collapse of Soviet and Eastern European socialism. In the event, his IEA performance was surprisingly untheological. His main thesis was that Christianity, capitalism, and the American ideal of civil society are exceptionally well suited to each other, which is why they have thrived together. America, thanks to its political and moral culture, liberated the creativity of its people and set them to productive effort. Much of the credit, he felt. had to go to the Scotsman Adam Smith, and to the American founding fathers who seized and digested his point while they were still building the foundations of their nation.

National wealth is built on creative intelligence, and once a society makes that its guiding economic first principle, the future will take care of itself. Or almost. The moral basis of society, said Novak, still has to come from outside the economic system. from the diversity of beliefs encompassed by the phrase Judaeo-Christian. He is definitely

not a free marketeer in morals, not a trendy libertarian. Professor Novak knows little of Britain, and admitted as much. His advice to scrap the native constitution and replace it with the American one was interesting but not very practical. But his key idea, which cannot be dismissed in a British context, is that economic progress is not purely a matter of economics. First, the constitu-tional structure, social culture, politics, the law, religion - he would even say that was primary

creative intelligence find the freedom and encouragement it needs. He calls this democratic capitalism, but more to rub the noses of his former socialist friends in the dirt than as a precise definition; his ideas have more to do with small people making good than with big people making better. Britain is a far more secular

- have to be right. Only then will

society than America, where religion is still a key element of the national ethos. A bedrock of explicit Judaeo-Christian morality was not, he thought, entirely necessary to capitalist success witness Japan - but the question arose whether democratic capitalism was ultimately self-sustaining, or whether it needed a long-term input of Judaeo-Christian beliefs and moral ideals. He strongly held the latter view; the Judaeo-Christian insistence on justice and charity was an indispensable corrective, and would, in due course, correct the remaining injustices in America.

Christianity is secure in the United States, and still a major dynamic force, though gradually becoming more Catholic than Protestant. But Christianity is very unsure of itself in Britain, and many see the nation as in the process of casting it off entirely.

Democratic capitalism moderated by entrenched Christian values is a very different thing from capitalism red in tooth and claw, tempered by nothing. That is one reason capitalism is feared by so many people in Britain and the very word is out of favour, even on the right. And it is therefore one of the reasons that collectivism still has its supporters in Britain, who vote for socialism to defend them against a possible tyranny of the rich and powerful.

Christian America is an open, generous and gregarious commu-nity; secular Britain is becoming a closed, insular and selfish one. Americans believe that Uncle Sam has sent a personal invitation to every one of them to join the ranks of the rich and powerful. It is this universal opportunity, more than anything else, which makes America a fundamentally fair society. The British believe on the contrary, that the rich still belong to the ultimate closed shop.

Visiting American theologians need to note this difference; then, perhaps, they could tell us what to

Why didn't Wandsworth go the way of Bradford?

David Butler considers the extreme variations in Thursday's voting and believes that reaction to poll tax levels could play a major role in deciding the general election

hursday's vote broke most of the rules. Although Labour gained its biggest local election triumph, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats could find comfort in the outcome. Local elections, like by-elections, tend to be judged against expectations rather than by any absolute standard. Labour did not do as well, or the others as badly, as had been

Labour had tried, sensibly, 10 play down anticipation. But it is probably disappointed to gain fewer than 300 seats, and it is certainly horrified at the outcome in London, where it won only Merton while losing Ealing, Hillingdon and Brent.

Nationally, Labour could not have expected to win many districts since it had fared so well in 1986. It gained, net, only one council from the Conservatives, and only 10 from a hung situation. The Conservatives were certainly relieved to lose, net, only 220 or so seats, even though it was their worst-ever result in terms both of votes and of total seats held; they fell even lower than in their past troughs, 1973, 1981 and

5,000 seats at stake. Yet they were so supremely delighted at the pro-Conservative landslide in Wandsworth (and the retention of Westminster) that they could accept calmly a 10 per cent swing against them in their

1986; they held only a fifth of the

third model council, Bradford. The Liberals were able to rejoice not just in the obliteration of the Social Democrats and the limited success of the Greens but also in holding on to the great majority of the 400 sets they gained in 1986. To lose only 39 seats net — 144 against 183 losses—seats at a time of predicted annihilation was a wonderful achievement. To hold on to full control in Adur, Hereford, Richmond and Wight and to move to a clear majority in the London boroughs of Sutton and Tower Hamlets, was beyond their highest hopes. The number of authorities where they hold the

balance of power has actually increased. Whatever happens to their national vote, they are guaranteed a controlling influence in many parts of the country for the next few years. The results were more eccentric than in any previous set of local

elections. Politicians and broadcasters admitted bewilderment at the diversity of swing from stable Scotland to wildly variegated London, and at the unevenness of the Liberal Democrats' performance. Consider a few of the marginal constituencies, in the table below, where the BBC tallied up the votes.

Swing 15% to Lab 90

As the table shows, while Malcolm Rifkind's Edinburgh seat showed a pro-Conservative swing and Chris Patten, the administrator of the poll tax, was threatened on two sides in Bath. Labour shot to an overwhelming lead in Southampton and Cambridge, places where it was soundly beaten in 1987. The Liberals saw their vote halved in one Birmingham seat, Northfield, while in nearby Yardley they secured a commanding majority.

In London, too, why did the

Conservatives make no progress in Lambeth when they were sweeping home in neighbouring Wandsworth? Why did Hillingdon swing one way and Hounslow the other? Whatever else the poll tax has

done, it seems to have excited interest in local government. The 65 per cent turnout in Wandsworth was unique, but all over London, and in many provincial cities, 50 per cent participation was common in places where 35 per cent was the usual figure. Perhaps the Conservatives can

discount some of the swing as due to the activation of protest voters: Kenneth Baker may comfort himself that many stay-at-home Conservatives, disgruntled into abstention this year by the poll tax, are likely to turn out when the election is about whether we have

a socialist government. The opinion polls showed their

limitations. There is no reason to doubt that Labour had a 20 per cent lead in April when interviewers asked people how they would vote in a general election. But the 16 per cent swing from Conservative to Labour which that would suggest contrasts sharply with the 10 per cent actually recorded on Thursday. And against the 7 per cent who said they would support the Liberal Democrats must be set the 20 per cent who actually voted for the party this week.

Thursday's result would, none

the less, suggest a handsome Labour win in an early general election. If the entire nation voted like the BBC's 22 marginal constituencies, at least 100 of the 375 Conservative MPs would have reason to feel distinctly queasy.

The London results will be cited as evidence that the poll tax could work to Conservative advantage. But against the outcome in Wandsworth and Westminster (where unique circumstances allowed an exceptionally low tax to be fixed) must be set the Conservatives' failure to do better in Lambeth or Lewisham.

This Parliament will another two years if Mrs Thatcher decides to carry on until the bitter end. She may find reassurance in the fact that governments do recover from mid-term slumps. Things looked bleak for the Conservatives in 1981, but they went on to win their biggest victory in 1983. Between the local elections of May 1986 and May 1987 there was a 5 per cent swing back to the Conservatives, and by the general election a month later the swing back was near to 8 per

So nothing that happened on Thursday should cause absolute despair to the Conservatives. But they do need to recover further than they have ever done before. There is less disarray in the centre, and Mr Kinnock and his colleagues are far better equipped to frustrate a government resuscitation today than they were in the

Local elections seldom have much lasting impact on voters or even on politicians. Yet this year the interpretation of the results may have a critical impact on those who are deciding on whether to end, to amend or to preserve intact the present system.

Kenneth Baker was quick to see in the votes a vindication of the tax he fathered. But the evidence is not clear. Conservative Wandsworth (£148) and Labour Ealing (£435) justify Baker's view. But Labour Lambeth (£560) and Conservative Croydon (£287) do not. Finding out how far this week's vote was decided by the level of tax, and taking appropriate action, may yet determine the outcome of the next election. The author is a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

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pparently something is happening to London A happening to telephone numbers tomorrow. Alan Coren reports division and despair in Cricklewood as new codes there divide brother from brother. If Telecom's vast publicity exercise ("Tell Bobby from Charlton") has any effect at all - and these campaigns do not come on the Cheapside — it has been to confuse Londoners into thinking they have to do something different when dialling one another. In most cases they don't Telecom deserves a good Wapping and the best advice to Londoners remains what the best advice to anyone faced with Official Information has always been: carry on as you are until physically obstructed.

In this affair, the indifference of a right-thinking person is massive. He will inquire about codes when he needs to. He will not use his leisure hours finding out in advance how to dial himself from Croydon, nor occupy useful brain cells with remembering this, nor try his friends' patience by imparting to each this precious information. Right-thinking people do not wish to be telephoned from Outer London, anyway. To be electronically shielded from Surrey is a bonus.

Big Brother makes two mistakes about us. He assumes we are very stupid, but concerned
— if it's all explained simply and twice - for the long term: so those who do not twig will be bludgeoned into doing so by the sheer volume of official reminders. The truth is different. Humans are very, very smart but they can react only to the

present.
What is missing is not comprebension, but the desire to comprehend. People will pay attention only when there is an imminent prospect of pain or profit. Then they will move with wonderful speed and ingenuity. A cheaper campaign would have pinned one small notice to a lamp post in Fleet Street, reading: "To all Telecom customers: your telephone may be about to stop working, but we won't tell you when, or how to avoid this - love, Telecom" and left the media to do the rest as a news story, instead of paid advertisements.

That is why the Government's campaign to persuade everyone to take out a personal pension was, untypically, brilliant. Wholly deceitfully, it intimated that there was fruit (a sort of National Insurance rebate) for the picking now, if plucked immediately.

That was a lie in the obvious sense that the fruit stayed on offer for ages: and it was dishonest in the profound sense that the value of the fruit was tiny by comparison with the scale of the undertaking we were being invited to enter, and could not honestly be held out as a reason for entering it. It has been - in short - an admirable campaign.

For, as we look around us, what do we see if not an array of important developments, officially notified, which are never in fact going to happen? Take metrication. If you had believed the official propaganda 30-odd years ago, you would have taken steps to prepare for this. Thank heavens you didn't!

I have yet to decide whether official predictions of a phenomenon are positively correlated to its unlikelihood, or whether the association is purely random. Those signs we get at the start of small country roads in Derbyshire — "Unsuitable for Motors" - for instance, mean that the road is suitable for motors. The sign never appears on unmotorable roads, whose closure should in theory be indicated by the sign "Road Ahead Closed" – a sign which can safely be ignored in about two cases out of three. Likewise those temporary traffic lights which mean the council has

forgotten to take them away. But the big one is 1992. There is little chance of the "single market" ever happening — and none at all, of course, of it happening in 1992. Who really believes that customs barriers are going to come down. VAT and excise duties converge all across Europe, wine cost a few pence a bottle, and Heathrow's private gold mine, "duty-free" disappear, the year after next? Of course not. Another government whopper. "Wolf!" - it's

officially confirmed! 071 or 081? Who cares! The thing's a pain in the Woolwich

Moment of truth for the western lure

Mark Almond in East Germany examines the grievances over the political and economic costs of unification

ast Germans tomorrow mark the anniversary of the beginning of the end of the old regime. It was on May 7 last year that Egon Krenz, the chairman of the commission supervising the local elections, announced shortly after the polls closed that the official candidates had been endorsed by more than 98 per cent of the voters. Dissidents, who had established independent electoral commissions to record the number of "No" votes, cried foul. Today, Krenz admits that "in retrospect" there were irregularities in the counting. It was his role in the electoral fraud that made Krenz's appointment to replace Erich Honecker as party leader last October a red rag to the

opposition. Remarkably, Gregor Gysi, Krenz's successor as chairman of the Communist Party, now re-named the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), shows no sign of trepidation at the anniversary or the re-run of local elections tomorrow. So much has happened in the last six months that Krenz's

period in office seems as distant as Kerensky's. Gysi has had un-expected success in marketing his new-style party as the principal opposition to the grand coalition of Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democrat allies and their Liberal and Social Democrat partners who are ruling over the dying months of East Germany.

On May Day, in a show of bravado that the old apparatchiks would never have dared conceive, let alone carry out, Gysi led his supporters in triumph through the Brandenburg Gate to parade their socialist convictions in West Berlin. His speech was a master stroke of populism, playing on the fears for the future felt by many East Germans who had loathed his

predecessors' regime. The exchange rate between the Ostmark and the Deutschmark for the planned currency union at the beginning of July had just been set at the remarkably generous rate of 1:1 for the first 4,000 Ostmarks. Gysi agreed with most economists that this was not the right rate. Unlike the market, however, Gysi demanded that the rate be 1:6 in favour of the Ostmark.

There may never have been much East German patriotism but Gysi, as a good socialist, is a master of the politics of resentment. Not unreasonably, most East Germans feel that the misfortune of their place of birth condemned them to miseries escaped by the Vessies just because they were lucky enough to be occupied by the Western powers at the end of the war. East Germany paid billions of marks in reparations to the Soviet Union, which West Germany largely escaped doing. Gysi now wants the West Germans to compensate their Eastern neighbours for these payments - plus interest. (However,

that West Germany has paid in reparations to survivors of the Holocaust, while East German governments - including those in which Gysi's father, Klaus, sat as minister of religious cults refused to accept any obligation to the victims of Nazism.)

Arguing that the West Germans owe their prosperity to East German sacrifices may make little economic sense, but it will probably cut enough ice with the voters to keep the PDS affoat into the new united Germany. In the general election on March 18, Gysi collected a surprising 16 per cent of the vote. Tomorrow, he must be hoping to push the PDS's total over 20 per cent. If he can. then the West German Social Democrats will have to reckon on having in future a serious rival on the left - partly because of the support of the Young Social

Democrats in the West for a radical programme closer to Gysi's than the new-look postsocialism of the party leadership.
The PDS may be helped tomorrow by other local resentments in

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East Germany about the way reunification is going. Already unemployment is an issue. Apart. from obvious products such as cars, even East German breweries fear Western competition, not least in packaging and marketing.

West German fears about the costs of raising the East's public services to meet Western (and EC) standards are loudly expressed among others by the Social Demorecuperating from the recent knife attack. Like Gysi, Lafontaine is gambling that many people have accepted the fact of unification but without accepting the costs as well as the benefits. Chancellor Kohl and the East German prime minister, Lothar de Maizière, have the difficult task of persuading people that they can have their cake and eat it without anyone's portion getting smaller.

Stranger in paradise

abour councillors in Wandsworth, stunned by the size of their defeat on Thursday, are hoping to spoil the Tory celebrations by a backdoor ruse to achieve what the voters refused to do - kick out the council's Tory leader, Sir Paul Beresford. The few remaining Labour councillors want to take him before a rarelyused election court, claiming that as a non-resident of the borough, he was ineligible for election.

The Tory leader lives in the neighbouring borough of Merton, but entered as his address on his nomination papers an empty property, which he rents, in Tooting Bec Road, Wandsworth. Fellow Tory councillor John Gar-rett, who lives in Labour-con-trolled Lambeth, used the same address on his nomination papers. Labour councillor John Slater says the court move is not motivated by spite in the wake of the Tory andslide. "We want Wandsworth people to be represented by people who live in the borough," he said. "The poll tax was not the only fiddle." Defeated Labour leader Fiona MacTaggart — that rare thing, a socialist millionaire approached Slater, a solicitor, to spearhead the court fight before the votes were cast, and specula-tion suggests she will foot the bill.

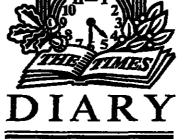
There is no case law to go by, and Wandsworth's returning officer, Gerald Jones, believes that Sir Paul's nomination was valid. "If he had written on his nomination form that he 'occupies' those premises, it is not for me to define

Sir Paul also remains un-perturbed by Labour attempts to spoil his celebration. "I have done nothing wrong. I rent the property and I have already invested a substantial amount of money in it. I was justified in what I did. The property is going to become a source of business. I need it not for political reasons, but for the money." Tories in the borough where Sir Paul lives might be feeling a little peeved that he did not put his undoubted political skills at their disposal. Merton was the only London borough to fall to the Labour Party.

Rather cross

he Red Cross is a very jealousy guarded symbol, as Christian Aid has just discovered. Strange graffiti have transformed its poster campaign depicting a health worker in Bangladesh on a bicycle with a bag slung over the handlebars emblazoned with the Red Cross symbol. But the grey paint which has now obscured the Red Cross on posters all over the country is no act of vandalism. The army of graffiti artists were acting on the orders of Christian Aid after the Ministry of Defence objected to the use of the emblem. Under the Geneva Convention, the British Red Cross is the only organization in this country authorized to use the symbol. Tony Gow-Smith for the Red Cross said yesterday: "It is vitally important that the Red Cross should have the ability to protect people": any "incorrect" use of it, even by a charity such as Christian Aid, could put lives at risk. No one is saying so, but it seems likely that the poster's

slogan - "Keep the Health Service



Going" - might also have ruffled feathers at the MoD because of its implicit political message. But although Christian Aid may be feeling aggrieved by this apparently uncharitable act by the Red Cross, it should count itself lucky that it did not end up in court. On the last occasion the Red Cross symbol was "incorrectly" used, Labour Party general secretary Larry Whitty found himself pay-ing a hefty fine for using it in the party's NHS campaign.

High flyer

Oger Freeman, who was appointed junior transport minister yesterday, should start sorting out his travel arrangements. One of his last acts as health minister was to visit a showpiece hospital in Huddersfield, and to make it back to the Commons by mid-afternoon for a three-line whip he decided to go by helicopter. Alas, fog descended and the helicopter hovered over Yorkshire, dangerously low on fuel. The pilot, Toby Lanyon, asked Freeman if they should continue to hover in the hope that the fog would lift or head south in search of finer weather and to

refuel. Faced with his first transport policy decision, Freeman hesitated but, observing the look on the faces of his panic-stricken fellow passengers, opted to return for a breakfast of bacon and eggs at Leavesden airfield, Watford. This at least offered the chance of an aerial view of the croquet lawn at his home, Dingley Hall ("It was worth it just for this," he exclaimed excitedly as the mansion came in sight).

Hand it to them

he diplomatic mind is a curious thing. As ministers begin the two-plus-four talks on German unification in Bonn today, they will follow a convoluted order of which country takes the chair. At the



Two plus Four Talks

preparatory session the West Germans proposed, to the puzzlement of others, that it should rotate anti-clockwise around the table in German alphabetical order. John Weston, the FO man, raised no objection but wondered at the reason. Why, said the Germans, wasn't it obvious? Surely everyone knew that is how it was done at the Congress of Vienna in 1815. Duly impressed by this reverence for European history, the British, French, American, Soviet and East German diplomats made no objection. Only later did it occur that there might be another reason. The formula means that West Germany, at 12 o'clock at the head of the table, will take the chair first, and the United Kingdom, seated at one o'clock, will be last.

Called in to order

ernard Weatherill, the Speaker, is used to calling unruly MPs to order, but he may not relish the idea of being enlisted to exercise his authority at the Conservative club in his Croydon North East constituency. An unseemly row has broken out with the rejection of a motion to give women equal rights in the club. They are currently barred from voting at club meetings, serving on committees or holding executive posts. The progressive Tories of Croydon managed an impressive 69.4 per cent vote in support of the revolutionary measure to end this discrimination. but club rules require 75 per cent. John Hewitt, who moved the motion, complained: "The vote has consigned us to the dark ages. If Mrs Thatcher had been a member of this club she would still be making the sandwiches." The Speaker's office traditionally prevents him from getting involved in such rows, but with two women tipped to succeed him -Labour's Betty Boothroyd and the Tories' Dame Janet Fookes - he is coming under strong pressure to clean up his own patch before retiring at the next election.

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SMALL COMFORT

Yesterday's election results showed, as predicted, that the public does not like the poll tax. For this one measure. Conservative councillors have been punished over the whole country, with the signal exception of London. Even the most provident Conservative local authorities, even those who levied low community charges and run efficient and popular council services, have been penalized. The swing to Labour on a high turn-out would be enough to give Mr Kinnock a good parliamentary majority.

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Labour's performance, however, was not as crushing as at first appeared. The overall swing, of some 10 per cent, is substantially below that registered in the April opinion polls (about 16 per cent). What is more, Labour has reason for concern that it failed to do better in London, where the Tories not only secured landslide triumphs in defending Wandsworth and Westminister, but captured Faling and deprived Labour of its majority in Brent.

The explanation of Labour's London reverses was clearly implied by Mr Bryan Gould, who observed that his party's loss of control at Brent was the result of a "sensible" Labour leadership running out of time in coping with the "legacies" of problems caused by previous administrations. Labour in London is paying a price for the extremism which has dominated so many of its councils in the capital and still constitute Labour's Achilles's heel.

Many electors must have found themselves torn. They dislike the poll tax as a system of revenue-raising, but also resent and distrust left-wing local authorities which spend money lavishly on bad causes and which, were revenue still being raised by rates, would have been imposing swingeing rate increases in-stead. London voters showed themselves capable of distinguishing between the tax as a method and the level at which it was levied. Others were ready to give Labour the benefit of the doubt.

The outcome of the London elections therefore constitutes a more general warning to Mr Kinnock not to put too much trust in opinion polls, and certainly not when they

register the unrealistic levels of "support" shown during the Government's recent time of trial. What is quickly gained can be quickly lost. Whatever curse the poll tax may have loaded on to the Conservatives at this election is more likely to diminish than increase, with the actual performance of Labour (local) administration becoming the focus of atten-

The Labour leader should also note the signs that centre politics may by no means be dead as he has assumed. Not only have the Liberal Democrats done well in the councils they have retained; they have actually managed an overall poll of around 20 per cent against the 7 per cent recently suggested by the polls. The result suggests that centre voting could return to national politics on any sign of Labour backsliding to the left.

Mrs Thatcher might therefore feel a hesitant relief that her party has done better than expected. Yet she has even greater cause than Mr Kinnock for concern. Wandsworth and Westminster notwithstanding, the reality is that the Government has done badly in a year when it would normally have hoped to recoup some of its losses. The bleak truth is that both the votes and total seats now held by the Conservatives are at the lowest point they have

Although some pressure has been removed from Mrs Thatcher, she should not interpret this as a sign that the case for poll tax is beginning to "get across" to voters. All indicators, from opinion polls to doorstep canvassing, show that this tax lies at the root of Conservative unpopularity even more than high interest rates or economic recession. It is an albatross.

The Government has been given a sharp warning that it cannot soldier on unconcerned towards 1991 and expect the electorate to say that all is well after all. These elections have disproved the thesis, still widely accepted in Conservative circles, that Mrs Thatcher's majority is too large to be overturned in a single general election. The poll tax must go.

JAW-JAW AT THE CAPE

The outcome of the talks between the South African Government and the African National Congress means much in appearance but little in substance. Mr F. W. de Klerk and his colleagues were delighted to be talking South African politics with former enemies and to find them as sophisticated as are Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr Thabo Mbeki. The latter returned the compliment. Mr Mbeki expressed himself "a bit surprised at how foolish all of us have been in the past ... there was nobody in the room that had horns." They duly set up a working group to study the remaining obstacles to constitutional negotiations, agreed on temporary immunity from prosecution for political offences for selected ANC officials and set up a review of security legislation. No date was set for further talks.

A cynic might say that both the ANC and the South African Government have much in common just now. Mr de Klerk has burnt his boats with right-wing white opinion. In any future election, he must rely heavily on English-speaking whites and be increasingly vulnerable to disaffection from the Civil Service, police and Armed Forces. Every time he talks to Mr Mandela, he incites that curse of ill oligarchies, a fundamentalist coup.

The ANC's leadership is largely composed of ormer professionals and expatriates still exhilarated by their return home. Behind them lie the gang leaders in the townships, the trade amion bosses of Cosatu, Zulus who owe the ANC nothing but emnity, tribal chiefs and homeland warlords. Messrs Mandela and Mbeki must show results too, and need the continuance of comparative order and stability to consolidate their leadership. Hence the widespread feeling that the state of emergency might best be continued to curb tribal bloodshed in Natal.

But can the bonhomie of Cape Town this past week be sustained? High-flown waffle does not a constitution make. The ANC spoke of establishing an "elected constituent assembly" to draw up a new constitution. That assembly would presumably be elected on a group basis - a concession by the ANC that

might find support from the Zulus but not from the township radicals. Even were an assembly to be set up, where does it leave Mr de Klerk's oft-repeated sentiment that he would never tolerate one-person-one-vote majority rule in South Africa? Might this conceivably be bartered for an agreement by the ANC to give up the "armed struggle"? Mr de Klerk could hardly concede the one without himself launching a de facto coup against his opponents within the white community. The ANC could hardly concede the other when it has militants in camps all over southern Africa and rivals marching through the townships.

Indeed there was about the Cape Town talks an eerie sense of detachment. Mr de Klerk must be correct in his assessment that only the entrenchment of group rights will induce his own people to concede serious change. The familiar "Natal option" - in effect, a semiautonomous republic on the Indian Ocean - is back on the agenda, with Zulus, whites and Indians in that province keen to distance themselves from any future ANC dominance in Pretoria or Cape Town. But how any acceptable franchise can deflect the future negotiators from the fundamental issue of oneperson-one-vote remains a mystery. "Group rights" means race rights. Here is still the proverbial clash of irresistible force and immovable object.

The odds in South Africa have always been in favour of a messy compromise of tribal and geographical interests in a series of shifting coalitions. This is what has happened in Natal this past decade. In such a framework, the franchise issue may even diminish in significance, as it has in most of Africa and Asia, It could even be that what has been seen in Cape Town this past week is just such a coalition in the making, with Messrs Mandela and Mbeki being added to Chief Buthelezi as economic and political power brokers for the black community. How long such coalitions can survive is another matter, but South Africans must be saying amen to this one. Talking is still better than fighting.

THE BARKHAM FACTOR

In the political excitement generated by the local elections, with their dramatic swings and roundabouts, it would have been easy to overlook altogether the results of the Parish Council election in Barkham, hard by Wokingham in Berkshire. But even the keenest psephologist would have been disappointed; the truth is, all 10 of the sitting councillors forgot to get themselves nominated, and nobody else in the area felt the urge to stand.

Asked how Barkham managed to miss the contest altogether, Mr Sam Hosgood, the chairman, said: "No one realized the election was scheduled for next Thursday." But he elaborated this reasonable explanation in words of such splendour that they deserve to be recorded in full: "It will all come out in the wash. The world won't collapse because of it, and I am sure Barkham won't."

Note first the subtle distinction in his assurances. The world is waved away almost asually; certainty is reserved for Barkham. Foreigners, such as the folk who live in Reading, may be uneasy at the news, despite Mr Hosgood's comfort; Barkham, standing on crock of confidence, will defy fate as long as is recessary. (That, incidentally, will be the ummer, when the local electoral registration epartment reissues the appropriate nomina-

ion forms). This is the kind of thing that used to happen a Ealing comedies; alas, that Stanley followay is no longer with us to play hairman Hosgood. But perhaps it would have een inappropriate; there was usually a villain, nd no one has suggested that there was any culduggery (who hid the nomination papers under the carpet?) in Barkham's failure to notice the world going by.

Presumably, the forgetful council's term of office ended when nominations closed. It follows that Barkham Parish Council has no proper authority to do anything, and the lawyers must have begun to lick their lips at the prospect of years of litigation. It seems, though, that the Wokingham overlords have decreed that the 10 members who were the council until lately should carry on as though they still are, and to judge from the relaxed attitude of the chairman, it is likely that that is what they had intended to do all along.

Some may jump to the conclusion that the affair shows the political parties in a poor light; on the contrary, none of the councillors sailed to victory last time under a party flag at all they are all independents, and seem to have commendably little time for politics.

There are possibilities in this. Suppose the psephologists find that good governance, financial rectitude and harmonious relations reign throughout the area. Might that not be the signal for, say, those intending to fight the district council elections to give up their ambitions? From there to the borough councils would then be but a step, and at last we arrive at a House of Commons echoing emptily because the members have forgotten all about the hustings, or at least decided that the world

could get on without them. Fantasy, perhaps; but remember the words of Chairman Hosgood: "It will all come out in the wash." The Tamworth Manifesto be blowed; history books of the future will dwell on the Barkham Snooze, and be grateful.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Norway's turn-round on whaling

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less than I per cent of their

original numbers, primarily by Norwegian whalers and under the

IWC's "regulations") the IWC has

been trying, during the mora-

torium, to devise a new set of rules

which would protect the minke

whale from the same fate, if and

when commercial whaling is re-

sumed. Norway has played little

part in that except, during the past year, to try to short-cut and fudge

the process, in the interest of an

will have in evaluating the new

Norwegian claims is that officials

repeatedly "massage" the same data. Until 1983 the story was that

the data showed that the minke

population had not been declin-

ing. Then, under pressure from

British scientists, it was admitted

that they did show a decline.

When, two years later, it was shown that the consequence of

this, taking into account the

historical reported catches, was that the stock should be protected,

it was leaked that the catch data

had been falsified by the whalers,

believe, on the basis of "revised"

data, that the stock is still as

numerous as it was when intense

exploitation began in the 1930s, despite the killing of nearly 2,000

whales annually for several de-

cades. This leopard is really

We are now being asked to

so should not be used.

clinging to its spots!

Scientific Committee.

International Whaling

Commission).

Italy.

May 4,

are on land.

Podere Il Falco.

Yours faithfully, SIDNEY HOLT (Member,

06062 Città della Pieve (PG),

These are probably the most

important primary producers in

both the seas and in fresh waters,

at least as important there as the grasses, including all the cereals,

Although there are only two

other institutions in the world

where the resources in collections

and staff for such work are comparable to those of the Natu-

ral History Museum, research on

diatoms there is to be abandoned.

Yet there is to be little reduction in

research on flowering plants, even

though there are in Britain alone

two other Government-funded

major centres of research on their

taxonomy, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the Royal

Some aspects of the museum's

corporate plan seem to need

(Keeper of Botany, British Museum

Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

(Natural History), 1966-77),

Bishop's Frome, Worcester.

Yours faithfully,

The Garden House,

R. ROSS

Evesbatch.

April 29.

One of the difficulties the IWC

immediate resumption.

From Mr Sidney Holt Sir, Your Oslo Correspondent ("Norway wants to resume whaling", report, May 3) has unwittingly passed on to Times readers some misleading statements being promulgated by the Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries. Norway is the only whaling country that stillformally objects to the mora-torium decision, despite pressure not merely from "American conservationists", but from a large majority of Governments, which

thirds of the world population. The International Whaling Commission has considered an estimate of 20,000 minke whales remaining in the north-east Atlantic including the Arctic (not just "in Norwegian waters"). Since 1984 it has used ahernative figures

together represent more than two

- Norwegian-supplied, deduced from recaptures of "tagged" whales - for the total numbers, including juveniles, of 60,000 and 44,000; these are comparable with their new estimate of 77,000 from a research survey last year.

All have wide ranges of statistical error; at least plus or minus 50 per cent. The earlier figures led to the conclusion that this "stock" should be protected because it is depleted according to the commission's management rules; in themselves they would not change the

To portray the current argument as simply one between bornagain whalers and "conservation and animal-rights groups" is misleading. The issue is the implementation of the TWC mandate in the interest of the nations of the world [to] safeguard for future generations the great natural resources represented by the whale stocks".

Having failed for 30 years to honour this (blue, fin and hump-

Museum cuts

From Mr Robert Ross Sir, In your leading article of April 27 you defend the staff cuts at the Natural History Museum by arguments based on the assumption that the prime purpose of the museum is "to fire the imaginations of young and old with the glories of nature" by means of the displays in its public galleries.

Throughout its history, however, the museum's major com-mitment has been to research in taxonomy and to the building-up and maintenance of the scientific collections of animals and plants, both recent and fossil, that are essential tools for this work. The information that this research provides is essential to scientists in many disciplines: ecology, genetics, stratigraphical geology, medicine, amongst others.

Many groups of organisms, particularly those of small size, are still inadequately known taxonomically, even although they are of great biological importance. One such group is the diatoms, unicellular algae with silica shells.

Transport priorities

which are unsubsidised" (report,

chaotic state in this country.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD PLANCK,

History teaching

From Professor H. MacL. Curric Sir, Another instance to be added

to the list given by General Woods (April 25) of really significant technical achievements which

ought to figure in any adequate national curriculum for history is

the codex, or hinged book. This

took the place of the volume or

roll, and thus made exact scholar-

Leybourne Lodge,

Birling, Kent.

April 18).

Trains to suit needs From Mr David L. Jones

time we reached there our train

From Mr Richard Planck Sir, The problems of Mr Simon Sir, "The Treasury is to be asked Hardwick (April 19) in travelling to approve plans by the Civil by train to Taunton make an Aviation Authority to spend an additional £400 million on capital interesting comparison with my own experience in Paris recently. projects ... Mr Cecil Parkinson. In company with a colleague and Secretary of State for Transport, 28 schoolboys I arrived at Montwill outline the proposals in parnasse station with five minutes Paris . . . " (report, April 18). to spare before catching the train Mr Michael Portillo, Minister to Laval — a journey I know well.
What no one had told me was that for Transport, said in Leeds, speaking in connection with the Channel tunnel link: "We see no this train now leaves from Montparnasse-Vaugirard, which is not case for treating rail services part of the main station, so by the differently from sea or air services,

had left.

Within minutes an official was No wonder transport is in such on the phone trying to make alternative arrangements for us. Another official arrived, armed with a walkie-talkie, and an hour later we left on the high-speed train to Le Mans, paying no surcharge, where we caught up with and changed to the train we

had missed. I was also told that if I had explained my problem as soon as we arrived our train would have been held back long enough for us to reach Vaugirard, and the guard at Le Mans said that if he had been on the high-speed train he would have kept us on it and ordered an additional stop at Laval. Yours faithfully, DAVID L. JONES,

constitute a precedent for Lord Justice Woolf in relation to Mr

Gordon Lakes (the recently retired

Deputy Director of the Prison

Service), Miss Mary Tuck (re-

cently retired head of the Home

Office Research and Planning

Unit) and Professor Rod Morgan

(Professor of Criminal Justice at

(Chairman, the Press Council),

Sir, My father joined the prison

service on coming down from

Oxford in the early 1920s. During

the early 50s he was Governor of

Strangeways and retired as a

At that time, the commissioners

were all prison administrators

with a wealth of wide and varied

experience of the establishment

for which they were responsible.

with the chairman responsible

Letters to the Editor should carry

a daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5946.

direct to the Home Secretary.

prison commissioner in 1964.

Bristol University).

April 30.

Yours faithfully, LOUIS BLOM-COOPER

2 Ripplevale Grove, NI.

From Mr John Hair

Yours truly, H. MacL. CURRIE, Eltham College. Grove Park Road, SE9. 25 West Street, Yarm, Cleveland.

Strangeways riot

ship at last possible.

From Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC Sir, You kindly published an article from me ("Prisoners in-flamed" on April 24) in which I ventured the opinion that the appointment of assessors to assist Lord Justice Woolf in his inquiry into the disturbances at Strangeways Prison and other penal establishments was inappropriate. Since I wrote I have been reading the report by Mr Herbert du Parcq, KC, "on the circumstances connected with the recent disorder at Dartmoor Convict Prison" in

Mr du Parcq was provided with the assistance of one of his Majesty's Commissioners of Prison, Mr Alexander Paterson, in the conduct of the inquiry. The final paragraph of Mr du Parcq's report stated:

I wish to acknowledge the great assistance given to me by Mr Alexander Paterson. I may be permitted to add that he has scrupulously abstained from any endeavour to influence my judement.

I wonder whether such a sense of an exclusively personal responsibility for the report of an independent judicial inquiry will

New horizons for national parks other parties in other areas will follow our example. From the Leader of Norfolk

Yours faithfully.

County Hall.

May 3.

Martineau Lane,

tion and so on.

Wales.

Norwich, Norfolk.

JOHN ALSTON, Leader, Norfolk County Council,

From the Chairman of the

Sir, Marion Shoard's enthusiasm

for national parks is most wel-

come. The parks do indeed com-mand great public support. But

the uncertain future of hill farm-

ing, the pressures of tourism, the

tensions between jobs and con-servation, the threats from pollu-

That is why the Countryside

Commission set up a review panel, now labouring ably under Professor Ronald Edwards, to

advise us on the way forward for

the existing 1! national parks,

including the Broads, which cover

nearly 10 per cent of England and

I am sure that Professor Ed-

wards's panel will also want to

look at the case for new national

parks as advocated by Ms Shoard.

I wonder, though, whether the national park designation is al-

ways the best solution for the kind

of problems she has correctly

Rather than the one club ap-

proach, we surely need a broader

view: more emphasis on the care

of the areas of outstanding natural

beauty and heritage coasts; yet wider encouragement for environ-

mentally friendly farming; new

initiatives to create lowland for-

ests for the future; and tailor-made

bodies for special areas such as the

one set up last year, with great

be more than gesture conserva-

tion, then the priority must be to

ensure that the parks which exist

can do their job properly; and any

new national parks must be justified as the best available

approach to the conservation of

DEREK BARBER, Chairman,

The Countryside Commission,

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

the areas concerned.

John Dower House,

Yours faithfully,

Crescent Place.

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initial success, for the Broads.

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Countryside Commission

County Council Sir, In her article on April 28, "Now the call of the tame demands to be heard", Marion Shoard poses some interesting ideas for new national parks which no doubt the Countryside Com-mission will consider carefully. This, however, is not the remit of the review panel, and she does less than justice to the Broads Authority and the courage of the Countryside Commission.

It is true to say that the concept of a national park for the Broads did not receive unanimous support in 1976, although opinion was fairly evenly divided. How-ever, the local authorities, with the blessing of the Countryside Commission, did set up by common consent a statutory joint com-mittee for the Broads and with considerable good will it became a successful body.

When the time came to review the functioning of the authority in 1984, the Countryside Com-mission, having taken careful soundings, recommended a statutory authority for the Broads. This was finally achieved by the Nor-folk and Suffolk Broads Act which received the Royal Assent in March, 1988.

This Act is no compromise. The Broads Authority has far-reaching powers which are the envy of the other national parks. It was achieved by the hard work and perseverance of the large number of people who were determined to see a Broads authority with wideranging responsibilities, adequate powers and funding and a secure future. It was promoted with enthusiasm by the Government.

It has fair representation of local authorities and interested parties, in addition to national nominations with specialised interests. Above all it is working with the good will of everyone in the Broads area.

In my view it is an ideal solution for the difficult conflicts which arise in such areas. The varying interests are all represented and the local authorities have willingly surrendered much of their own powers in the area covered by the authority, so that all involved feel a commitment to deliver solutions.

Accountants merger

of Chartered Accountants (England and Wales, Scotland, and

Ireland); the Chartered Institute of

the Chartered Association of

Certified Accountants; and the Chartered Institute of Cost and

Each institute was developed to

fulfil a specific need and members

of each institute are justifiably

proud of their antecedents. How-

ever, the institutes have moved

much closer together over the years. For example, education and

training requirements are com-parable, as are post qualification

training commitments and disci-

In spite of this convergence of

standards, the accountancy pro-

fession is still divided. This results

Management Accountants.

untancy;

From Mr Derek Fowler

I believe the Countryside Commission has been strengthened by this experience and I hope that

May 3. in confusion to employers and new entrants and a considerable waste of resources in education, Sir, The accountancy profession in training and research. the UK comprises three institutes

Against that background, recent proposals (report, Money, April 21) by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy to merge are commendable.

The proposed merger justifies wide publicity so that those who employ members of these two chartered bodies can exert influence on the membership to vote in favour of the merger and take an important step towards simplifying the structure of the profession, with attendant benefits to employers and practitioners.

Yours faithfully, D. FOWLER (Deputy Chairman), British Railways Board, Euston House, 24 Eversholt Street, NW1. April 26.

Nelsonian sundial

plinary codes.

From Mr A. R. Eden Sir, Mr Davidson's fears (April 25) that Nelson's Column would not work as the gnomon of a sundial unless tilted at an alarming angle are unjustified.

Provided that the position of the hour markers, suitably calculated, are set out on an ellipse rather than a circle, and a small modification made to Nelson's Column so as to allow it to be moved north or south by a few feet each month, it will work accurately as an analemmatic dial.

It would remain to be decided if the public could be expected to make allowance for daylight-saving schemes, or whether Trafalgar Square should be rotated by some 150 biannually, at the times of change to and from summer time. Yours faithfully, A. R. EDEN.

Torberry House, West Harting, Petersfield, Hampshire. April 25.

The commissioners themselves, the governors and their staff at all levels considered that not only did they form integral elements of a service in which they had a pride but also set standards of discipline on themselves which inevitably

had an effect on the men and

women in their charge. The prison commission should be re-established. The prison service as a whole would thus regain its reputation as world leader in its pragmatic approach to penal reform. Yours faithfully,

JOHN HAIR, 6 Clarendon Road, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands. April 30.

From Mr M. C. Tucker Sir, On Saturday I noticed that my

sons and a few of their friends had, for the first time, climbed on to the garage roof and were clearly establishing a camp there. "Hallo Dad", they shouted down, "We're playing Strangeways, will you please be a warder?" So I turned the garden hose on them. Yours faithfully,

M. C. TUCKER, 2 Goodwood Close, Camberley, Surrey. April 30.

Segregated eating

From Mrs E. Wyndham Sir, Mrs Beryl Williams (April 28) is right about our war-time eating at Bletchley. However, a year after the war ended, I was appointed to a senior position in the Control Commission for Germany and found myself back at Bletchley for a course before going to Berlin.

To my astonishment, the dining hall had been divided by a wall into areas for "officers" and "other ranks". Worse still, coffee was served in the main building to "officers" only, to which "other ranks" could not be invited.

As the "other ranks" in the CCG included many who had served as senior officers in the war-time services, the absurdity was further heightened. I am. Sir, your obedient servant. ELIZABETH WYNDHAM. Hampden Cottage. 19 Dean Way, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. April 29.

From Mr G. A. Dawson Sir, Thirty years ago I returned from Australia where I had a job with an international oil company. Everyone from the directors to the shop floor lunched together and rank was temporarily suspended.

Back in England I took a job with a Midlands engineering group. There were five different levels of canteen and dining-room. Yours faithfully. G. A. DAWSON. 4 Highbury Street,

Portsmouth, Hampshire. April 29.

On the slide?

Windlesham,

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May 4.

From Mr K. Seakens Sir, Bearing in mind rampant inflation, balance of payments crises, riots, the presidential style of the country's leader, torrential storms and now blazing sunshine, does England at last truly qualify as a "banana republic"? Yours faithfully, K. SEAKENS, 12 Attield Grove,

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COURT CIRCULAR

The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP, had an audience of

Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen received Fellows

participating in the Common-wealth Foundation Fellowship

Scheme to promote Commo wealth Understanding.

the Commonwealth Foundation and Mr Tsang Mang Kin, Deputy Director, were in attendance. Mr Inoke Faletau, Director of

By command of The Queen.

Command of the Queen,
Commander the Hou John Fremantle, RN (Her Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire) was present at
Waddesdon Manor this morn-

ing upon the arrival of The President of the French Repub-lic and welcomed His Ex-cellency on behalf of Her

The Duke of Edinburgh, Se-

nior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, and Honorary Fel-low of the Institution of Mining

and Metallurgy, visited Cam-borne School of Mining Geo-

His Royal Highness sub-sequently attended a lunch and

part of the Institution of Mining

and Metallurgy Symposium at St Ives, Cornwall. The Duke of Edinburgh was

received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall (the

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 4: The Duke of Kent,
President of the Commonwealth War Graves Com-

mission, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

May 4: Princess Alexandra, President of the British School

Service for Mr A G Sheppard Fidler which was held at St Mark's Church, Reigate this

TODAY BIRTHS: Soren Kierkegaard

BIRTHS: Soren Kierkegaard, philosopher, Copenhagen, 1813; Eugène Labiche, dramatist, Paris, 1815; Karl Marx, Trier, Germany, 1818; Henri Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laureate 1905, Poland, 1846; Archibald Wavell, 1st Earl Wavell, field marshal, Viceroy of India, 1943-47, Colchester, 1883.

DEATHS: Samuel Cooper, min-

Freiberg, (Pribor, Czecho-slovakia), 1856; Robert Peary,

Arctic explorer, Cresson, Penn-sylvania, 1856; Luis Drago,

Aires, 1859; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian of The Times. Wanstead, Essex, 1889; Rudolph Valentino, actor, Castellaneta, Italy, 1895; Harry Martino, and Administrative and description.

Martinson, poet and dramatist

Nobel laureate 1974, Sweden,

1904; Orson Welles, Kenosha Wisconsin, 1915.

DEATHS: Cornelius Jansen.

theologian, Ypres, 1638; Patrick

Delany, theologian, Bath, 1768; Alexander Humboldt, explorer

and scientist, Berlin, 1859; Henry David Thoreau, writer

and naturalist, Concord, Massachusetts, 1862; Sir James

Simpson, Bt, obstetrician, pio-

neer in the use of chloroform, London, 1870; Edward VII, reigned 1901-10, Buckingham Palace, 1910; Maurice Maeter-

linck, poet and dramatist, Nobel

laureate 1911, Nice, 1949; Marie

Montessori, educator, Novrdwijkaan, Netherlands,

tatesman and writer. Buenos

66, Bonn, 1977.

war, 1936.

TOMORROW

Anniversaries

Viscount Falmouth).

YORK HOUSE

thermal Energy Project.

Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 4: The Right Hon Peter Walker MP had an audience of The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Secretary of State for Wales. His Excellency Senor Teodoro F Franco was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recali of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from the Republic of Panama to the Court of St

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Señora Elena Barletta de Nottebohm (Minister Counsellor), Señor Eusebio Morales (Counsellor, Econo-mic), Señor Salim Kheireddine (Counsellor, Financial and Commercial), Profesora Flor Maria Arauz de Prat (Attaché, Cultural Affairs), Señor Geron-imo de Obaldia (Attache, Permanent Representative to IMO) and Mrs Marina Lewis

Señora de Franco was also received by Her Majesty.
Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

The Queen held a Council at 12,20pm. 12.20pm.

There were present: The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP (Lord President), the Lord Belstead (Lord Privy Seal), the Right Hon Timothy Renton, MP (Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury) and the Right Hon David Hunt, MP.

The Right Hon David Hunt,
MP, having been previously
appointed a Member of Her
Majesty's Most Honourable

Total Notice Notice to Sicily.

Mr Andrew Palmer was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE majesty's Most Honourable
Privy Council, took the necessary Oaths, and received the
Seals of Office, took the Oath of
Office and kissed hands upon
his appointment as Secretary of
State for Wales. at Rome, was represented by Sir Alan Campbell at the Memorial Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in

attendance as Clerk of the Royal

engagements

TODAY: The Duke of Glouces ter will attend a reception given by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society at the University Combination Room, Cam-bridge, at 6.15 to mark the 150th

anniversary. TOMORROW: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer attend a gala concert at the Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh, Suf-

School news Upper Chine School

The School regrets to announ the retirement of the Headmaster, Mr Stuart Monard, BA, on medical grounds. The Governors have appointed the present deputy head, Dr Helen Harvey, BSc, PhD, to replace him forthwith. Dr Harvey has been at Upper Chine for fourteen years, initially as Senior Biologist and subsequently as Deputy Headmistress. She is married with two children, one of whom is at Upper Chine School.

St Paul's Girls' School St Paul's Girls' School announces the following awards: Senior Scholarships: Laura Franses, Esther Lightman, Neema Sotser, Kate White St Paui's Girk's School; Senior Exhibitions: Wanda Alleston-Owen, Mistam Peppy, Gabrielle Reed, Allson Stirling (St Paui's Christ School)

Allson Stirting 6St Paul's Giris'
School).

First Year Awards: Jennafer Bern
Vastonal Cathedral Jennafer Bern
Vastonal Cathedral School, Washington), Claire Lickley (St Paul's Circ
Preparatory School). Sara Miller (All
Saints Church of England Primary
School), Louisa Millsome (St Paul's
Chris' Preparatory School), Phillippa
Norridge 6St Paul's Ciris' Preparatory
School), Katherine Rogers (Weal
School), Katherine Rogers (Weal
School), Mandel School, Phillippa
School, Mandel School
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Rebecca Shepherd (St Peur's Ciris'
School School
CST Peur's Ciris'

Memorial service Mr Charles Burton A service of thankseiving for the

ife and work of Mr Charles Burton was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John Oates officiated, Mr David Andrews-Jones read the lesson and Brigadier Rolph James read from Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. Mr Robert Clark gave an address.

Dinner

Barbers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a ladies' livery dinner given by the Barbers' Company last night at Barber-Surgeons Hall. Mr J.C. Smethers, Master presided, assisted by Mr A.W.F.Lettin, Upper Warden, Sir Wiliam Slack, Middle Warden, and Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Renter Warden. The Lord Mayor, the Middle Warden, Mr J.A.H. Bootes and the Master of the Plaisterers' Company also

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Michael Angus, chairman, Unilever, 60; Mr V.S. Anthony, headmaster, Colfe's School, 52: Professor Monica Cole. geographer, 68; Mrs E.M. Conran, museum curator, 51; Sir Alan Donald, diplomat, 59; Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, former MP, 76; Mrs Joanna Foster, 'chair', Equal Opportu-niues Commission, 51; Sir Victor Garland, Australian diplomat, 56; General Sir Charles Harington, 80; Dr John Havard, former secretary, BMA, 66; Sir Brian Hayes, civil servant, 61; Mr Michael Palin, writer and actor, 47: Lady Plowden, former chairman, 1BA, 80; Mr Roger Rees, actor, 46: Mr A.J.O. Ritchie, former chairman, Grindlays Bank, 62; Mr Giani Zail Singh, former President of India, 74; Mr Ronald Utiger, former chair-man, TI Group, 64; Professor

70; Mr Gerard Young, former Lord Lieutenant of South York-

shire, 80. TOMORROW: Sir John Berkshire, 70; Mr K.G. Holden, banker, 80; the Earl of Maceles-Ross, author, 68; the Right Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St

OBITUARIES

DR HENRY PALMER

Dr Henry Palmer, a physicist who did important work in radio astronomy, died aged 63 on April 28. He was born on September 16, 1926.

HENRY Proctor Palmer was distinguished for his observations of distant radio-emitting objects in the universe that led in the early 1960s to the discovery of quasars.

He was educated at Giggleswick School and after taking his BA at Oxford in 1947 he proceeded to carry out research in meteorology as a member of the Clarendon Laboratory. For his studies of ice particle nuclei in the atmosphere he was awarded the degree of DPhil in 1952. Palmer's major scientific work fol-

lowed his appointment in the autumn of 1952 as an assistant lecturer in physics in the University of Manchester. For the following 27 years, during which he was promoted to a readership in the University, he exerted an important influence on the development of research in radio astronomy at Jodrell Bank.

His main concern was the measurement of the angular diameters of the sources of radio emission in the universe, a few of which had recently been identified with peculiar types of galaxy at distances of the order of a billion light years, on photographs taken with large optical telescones

In these studies Palmer used two widely spaced radio telescopes in the form of an interferometer. Initially these were connected by cables to a common receiver, but even with the maximum feasible separation of the telescopes Palmer found that the angular diameter of many radio sources was too small to



be measured. He therefore developed the technique of using a radio link, instead of a cable, to connect the distant radio telescope to the one at Jodrell Bank. By 1961 he had observed 364 radio emitting objects and had discovered that 10 per cent of these could not be resolved even with the remote telescope 115 kilometres distant from Jodrell Bank. Palmer correctly concluded that the small angular diameters of these objects implied that they must lie at greater distances in the universe than the most distant galaxy, which was then identified optically at four-and-a-half billion light

These measurements stimulated the search for optical identification of the unresolved sources by American astronomers using the 200-inch optical telescope in California. This investigation soon led to the discovery that these objects were a hitherto unknown type of galaxy lying at great distances in the

They were originally known as quasistellar radio sources (from the starlike nature of their appearance on the photos), but the acronym quasars became common usage. The quasars are now believed to constitute some 30 per cent of the radio-emitting extragalactic systems in the universe and are enigmatic objects emitting immense amounts of energy by processes that are not fully comprehended.

Palmer was awarded the degree of DSc by the University of Manchester in 1980. but otherwise did not receive any of the acclaim for this discovery of a class of objects that now form a substantial part of astrophysical research.

Palmer continued with the extension of these measurements at Jodrell Bank until 1979, when the University gave him a year's leave of absence to work with the advanced projects group of M.E.L (a division of Philips Electronic and Associated Industries). In the event he did not return to Jodrell Bank. Family reasons and his enthusiasm for sailing were the primary reasons for his decision to remain in the South of England. In January 1981 he joined the Independent Broadcasting Authority as Engineering Information Officer.

Palmer married Esmé Kemp in 1951, and is survived by her and by a son and two daughters.

ANGAMI ZAPU **PHIZO**

of the Naga Nationalist Council, which fought for a separate homeland for the Naga tribes in India, died in Bromley, Kent. on April 20, and 83 Kent, on April 30, aged 83.

ANGAMI Zapu Phizo was in the classic mould of fiery political leaders who go into exile in order to wage a more effective campaign from outside their own country - and then find themselves bypassed by history.

For the past 30 years from his unlikely suburban base in Bromley, Kent, he waged an unrelenting campaign to se-cure an independent state for the Naga hill tribes who live in a remote north-eastern corner of India. It was Phizo's strongly-held

view that when the British withdrew in 1947, they betrayed the Nagas by handing over their homeland to the Indians. He became president of the Naga Nationalist Coun-cil — and held the position until he died.

Nagaland, a strip 160 miles by 70 miles between Burma and the Indian state of Assam, has a population of fewer than one million, distributed among 14 Naga hill tribes.
Phizo argued that, culturally
and historically, the Nagas
were not part of the Indian
people. During the Second
World War, he cooperated
with the Inveners in an effort with the Japanese in an effort to defeat British colonial rule.

After 1947 Phizo headed an armed struggle to achieve his objective, and the Indian government responded by sending in the army to crush what it considered to be a terrorist movement. The result was more than three decades of armed conflict, in which atrocities were committed by both sides.

While the Nagas saw Phizo as a father-figure — and probably still do — the New Delhi government called him a "fugitive from Indian justice" 5,000 rupees (then worth great heroes.

Angami Zapu Phizo, president £375) on his head. It was clear,

border area. His case was effectively undermined when the New Delhi government hived Nagaland off from Assam in 1963 and gave it the status of a separate state within the In-

dian Union. From his Bromley base, Phizo issued documents and called for inquiries into Indian army operations. But with passing years a new generation of Naga leaders came into being and did deals with Delhi. A Naga regiment was raised and fought valiantly for India in the 1971 war over

Bangladesh. Phizo, who had once been able to command many column inches in the Indian newspapers, gradually became an irrelevance.

Tactically, he made an error in allying himself too closely with a well-meaning British missionary, the Rev Michael Scott, who had stirred up controversy in South Africa and later in India by espousing the Naga cause. It was Scott who helped the wanted Phizo escape to London in 1960 by way of Zurich and Manila. Scott and Phizo remained close friends until the former's death in 1983.

Phizo was a Christian, a legacy of Baptist missionary influence in the Naga hill areas. However, the link with Scott allowed the Indian government to isolate Phizo by depicting him as a tool of foreign agents.

In 1977, he had a meeting in London with Morarji Desai, the Indian Prime Minister. but the two inflexible old men had little to discuss, and the meeting failed to end Phizo's exile.

There is no doubt, however, that his steadfastness to his cause will ensure he will enter and placed a symbolic price of Naga legend as one of their

DAVID RAPPAPORT

David Rappaport, the dimin-utive British character actor, was found dead of an appar-ently self-inflicted gunshot wound in Los Angeles on May 2. He was 38.

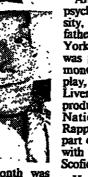
DAVID Rappaport, who stood only three feet 11 inches tall, starred in the film Time Bandits and the television series The Wizard and recently made guest appearances on another television show, L.A. Law, playing a lawyer called Mighty Mouth.

iaturist, London, 1672; Napoleon Bonaparte, St Helena, 1821; James Grant, novelist, for Los Angeles three years ago to star in the The Wizard, London, 1887; Bret Harie, writer, London, 1902; Ludwig Erhard, Chancellor of the Fed-eral Republic of Germany 1963-Italian troops occupied Addis Ababa, ending the Ethiopian BIRTHS: Maximilien de Robespierre, French Revolution lead-er, Arras, 1758; Sigmund Freud,

critics, The Wizard failed to taxi driver who late in life television work included a catch on with the public and badly depressed by the de-

He left his home in London

in which he played a toymaking genius who became involved in dangerous situations. He said that the job paid him 10 times as much as anything he had been offered in Britain. But although he had good notices from the



cision and last month was found unconscious in his car after an apparent suicide

He was born in Hackney, London, the son of a Jewish

went into teaching. He was was cancelled after a brief run. afflicted from birth with a Rappaport was said to be condition called achondroplasia, and stopped growing when he was seven.

After taking a degree in psychology at Bristol University, Rappaport followed his ther and became a teacher in Yorkshire. His first acting job was performing a 45-minute monologue in an eight-hour play, Illuminatus, at the Liverpool Everyman. The production transferred to the National Theatre, where Rappaport was offered the part of the dwarf in Volpone. with John Gielgud and Paul Scofield. He became known to a

wider audience as the host of the BBC2 community series Grapevine, where his genial personality soon made him popular with viewers. Other

play, Unfair Exchanges, with Julie Walters, and the ITV series Robin of Sherwood. For several years Rappaport performed a one-man cabaret show, Little Brother Is Watching You.

Time Bandits was a comic fantasy, written by Michael Palin and Terry Gilliam from Monty Python's Flying Circus, and featured John Cleese and Sean Connery. Another important film for Rappaport was The Bride, in which the pop star Sting played Dr Frankenstein. But he turned down a part

in the film Star Wars, because he "did not want to play a puppet or a robot". He always preferred to be known as a little person, rather than a dwarf.

Rappaport, who was divorced, leaves a son, Joseph.

COL SIR HUGH BRASSEY

A brother ex-officer writes: YOUR obituary of April 16

hardly does justice to Hugh's humanity. Through a distinguished military career, in service to the Crown, as hunt chairman, Lord Lieutenant, and in other walks of life, his bubbling sense of humour and balanced views heightened his charm.

As a subaltern he was an

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and Mile M.A.C. Luncau

California.

admirer of Fred Astaire and used his musical talents to the joy of many, particularly younger generations of soldiers, when he tinkered with the piano at regimental gatherings. He and his wife, Joyce, combination.

All who knew him aspired to his friendship. Those who

SEPTEMBER OF STREET

How the leatherback keeps its cool LEATHERBACK turtles (Der-

mochelys coriacea), although repules, are far from being coldblooded and may give resear-chers clues to how disosaurs could live in the polar regions, according to a report in Nature (vol 344, pp 858-860).

James Spotila, from Drexel

University, Philadelphia, and colleagues show how these giants of the deep (weighing up to 900kg), use their sheer size to control body temperature. The their jellyfish prey in the North Atlantic, even venturing into the Arctic. However, females nest on tropical beaches, where

Lord Frederick Cavendish and T.H. Burke were murdered by Fenians in Phoenix Park, Dublin. 1882. Accession of George V. 1910.

Euch, Allehya (Palestrina), I know that my redeemer liveth (Bach), The Chaptain. GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks. SWI: 11 HC. Let not your hearts be proubled (Thathen-Ball). Asterna Christe Munera (Palestrina). Lord I trust Thee (Handel). The Scots Chards. The Captain. GRAYS INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC. 11.15 Divise Service, Camon E James. TOWER OF LONDON. SCS: 9.18 HC. 11 M. Christ rising again (Byrd). The Captain.

Shipwrights' Company

The following have been in-stalled officers of the Ship-wrights' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Dr E.C.B.
Corlett; Renter Warden, Mr
R.A.H. Arnold; Second Warden, Mr D.I. Moor, Third
Warden, Sir Brian Shaw; Fourth
Warden, Mr M.C. Robinson.

Election

Mrs Philomena Davidson Davis has been elected new president of the Royal Society of British

Judge John Warde has retired Andrew B. AS Organ Recital: 6.30 ES with Sidney Carlor & the Esphany Dancers.

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ROVAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL. from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit.

TOMORROW: Sir John Arnold, former President of the
Family Division, 75; Professor
Rosemary Cramp, archaeologist, 61; Air Chief Marshal Sir
Walter Dawson, 88; Sir Frank
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71: Mr Robert Fell, former chief
executive, Stock Exchange, 69;
Mr Neil Foster, cricketer, 28; Mr
Stewart Granger, actor, 77, Ma. MI Neal Foster, checketer, 28; Mr Stewart Granger, actor, 77; Ma-jor-General John Hamilton-Jones, 64; Sir Ropald Harris, former First Church Estates Commissioner, 77; Mr J.R. Henderson, Lord Lieutenant of Particular 70, Mr J.C. field, 76; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Martell, 78; Sir Patrick Meaney, chairman, Rank Organization, 65; Lord Pender, 57; Miss Eleanor Platt, QC, 52; Mr Alan

leatherbacks' migratory lifestyle means that keeping a steady body temperature is a problem. For most of the year, they hunt overheating is a real danger.

Leatherbacks swimming in

water at 7.5 degrees Celsius can feel an increase in body tem-perature of up to 18 degrees. Smaller animals which keep warmer than their surroundings have a high metabolic rate -

burning up more sugars to release heat. This condition is not restricted to warm-blooded mammals and birds: female Australian diamond pythons (Morelia spilota) boost their metabolic rate by shivering when they are incubating their egs (Science Report, October 29, 1988). Spotila and colleagues cal-

culated the metabolic rates of female leatherbacks coming ashore to nest in Costa Rica, from the amounts of oxygen and carbon dioxide in their exhaled breath. They found that resting turtles had higher metabolic rates than a typical reptile, scaled up to the same size. However, the leatherbacks' metabolic rates were still only half those of a scaled-up small mammal - it seems that leatherbacks use less energy to keep warmer than their surroundings than most mammals.

Mathematical modelling revealed that the turtles' size explains their energy-efficient

body warmth. The outer layers of body tissue in large animals insulate most of their bodies from the elements in much the same way that lagging maintains the temperature of a hot water tank. Provided very little blood gets into these tissues, most of the body will keep warm. Smaller animals, on the other hand, are soon chilled to the core in a cold environment, unless they generate more body heat. The researchers' calculations fitted in with actual measure-

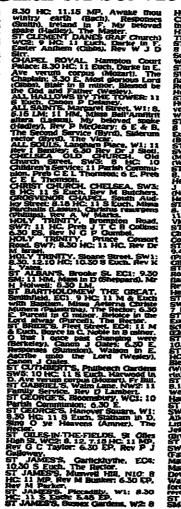
ments of leatherhack body temperature. Assuming that the metabolic rates of a swimming turtle and an active beached turtle are similar, the model showed how leatherbacks keep warm in cold seawater. How-ever, the same calculations showed that leatherbacks would get dangerously hot on their nesting beaches and in tropical oceans, unless they pump more blood towards their skin to cool

the turtles must control their body temperature by changing the flow of blood to the skin, which explains the "flushed" appearance of nesting females. The researchers argue that the conventional distinction between warm- and cold-blooded animals does not apply to large animals, which do not need such a high metabolic rate to keep warmer than their surroundings. They suggest that a new term - "gigantothermy" - should be used to describe large animals' temperature regulation.

Gigantothermy may explain how the dinosaurs colonized most of the earth, even the far north and south. The polar regions were warmer during the age of the dinosaurs (Science Report, April (4), but large size would still have been a tremendous advantage for an active animal living in the cooler parts

Peter Aldhous

Church services tomorrow GANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.30 S EUCh: 9.30 M: 11 S EUCh. Missa Brevis (Britten), Ave verum corpus of chemirle: 1 The Dean; 3.15 E. Responses (Byrd). Howells in G. Cantique de Jean Ractue (Fairer): 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev P G C Brett. YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC. 10 S EUCh. Missacum convivient Compline, Rev P G C Brett. YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC. 10 M. Edward Minster (Chemical). Missacum convivient Compline of Compline o



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Drayton, Warwickshire.

Gresham College

The Lord Mayor as president of the college presided over a seminar entitled "London in Europe" held at the Guildhall on Thursday. In a speech at the luncheon which followed the seminar the Lord Mayor set out three priorities for London in Europe

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> THE LAWS OF CRICKET

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) To-morrow the Marylebone Club for the second time in three years will have to decide on a proposed change in the laws of cricket; and during the past winter controversy has raged on the merits or shortcomings of a modest proposal made by the county captains to broaden the wicket by one inch. That something ought to be done to diminish run-getting and the number of drawn matches appears to be the vague wish of most members of the cricketing world. But to attain this object a more ambitious scheme will be necessary; and two notices of amendments with this object have been given.

As the rules stand at present the width of the wicket is Sin. and the height 27 in.; but, as a matter of fact, it is said that half an inch has been often more or less inadvertently added to the regulation width, owing to makers of stumps making them thicker to ensure strength. Whether this is so or not, the weight of opinion seems to be that a mere extra inch in the width of wicket would only result in an extra modicum of caution being shown by the batsmen, and would not materially diminish the number of runs or of drawn matches. Even this very modest proposal of an extra inch to the width of wicket is met with opposition from several of the county committees. But it is to be hoped that the M.C.C. may look on the whole question solely from the point of view

of the best and highest interests of the game, and will ignore all consid-

erations of gate money.

The opponents of all reform, unable to deny the evil effects of too much high scoring and too many drawn games, have pleaded for greater efficiency in fielding and less waste of time in adjournments for tea and other small observances—such as a rigid ten minutes between the innings, and two minutes for each batsman to go in after a wicket has patsman to go in anter a wicket has fallen. Nobody would deny that if cricketers all fielded well and never dropped catches an almost immedi-ate remedy would be found, and drawn matches would be a rare exception. No doubt greater attention and practice could do something in improving fielding; but it is a counsel of perfection that fielding can be improved beyond a certain point. Catches always have been dropped, and always will be. Human nature being what it is, perfection in this respect cannot be attained. It is not probable that any amount of attention will make catching and fielding any better than what the Australians have shown us; and yet in 1899 the five test matches were all unfinished except one, while the weather was fine the whole time and there was little to find fault with in the English fielding. As to the waste of time about which there has been much grumbling from old cricketers, it probably does not amount to much; and it must be remembered also that in old days, when perhaps there was less time wasted, the majority of matches were over in two days and there was far less wear and

The first proposal the M.C.C. will have to discuss will be whether one inch is to be added to the width of the wicket. To this an amendment is to be moved that, in addition, one inch be added to the beight of the wicket. If this is lost a second amendment will be moved that an extra inch be added to the height of the wicket, the width remaining as it is now. It is to be hoped that the Club will increase the size of the wicket by one inch both in height and in width.

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC 1

6.40 Open University 7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 The Muppet Babies (r) 8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester, Flock stars from all over the world meet to commemorate John Lennon in a memorial gig in Liverpool. Charlotte Hindle attends the final rehearsals and meets some of the performers including Wet Wet Wet and Kylie

11.00 Film: Dusty (1982) starring Bill Kerr. Delightful tale of an old bushwacker who is lobbed off with a dingo puppy when he wanted a young dog. The old man teaches it to herd sheep but sometimes the animal's natural instincts rise to the surface. Unsentimental and appealing to both children and adults. Directed by John Richardson 12.25 Weather 12.30 Grandstand introduced by

Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 Football: Barry davies reports on the teams in Group D of the World Cup - West Germany, Yugoslavia, Colombia and UAE; 1.00 News; 1.05, 1.40 and 2.10 Horse Trials from Badminton; 1.25 Racing from Haydock Park; 2.40 Golf: the Benson and Hedges International Open from St Meltion, Comwalt; 3.35 Rugby Union: the Pilkington Cup final between Gloucester and Bath at Twickenham; 4.35 Final Score. Wales: 2.40-4.40 Schweppes Rugby Union Cup final: Bridgend v Neath

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional news and sport. Wales: 5.15-6.05 Wales on Saturday

5.20 Cartoon 5.30 The Flying Doctors. Outback adventures of a Royal Flying Doctor Service crew. (Ceefax). Wales 6.05 Cartoon

6.15 Film: Meteor (1979) starring Sean Connery and Natalie Wood. A fine cast is wasted on a banal script and shoddy special effects in this sci-fi tale of a meteor hurtling toward earth with the superpowers having only seven days to unite to destroy it before it destroys them. Directed by Ronald Neame. (Ceefax)

8.00 The Eurovision Song Contest. • It is easy to heap scom on this annual anthology of the most forgettable in popular music, but the delights of he show can be rich indeed. Among them are spotting the winner from a heap of mediocrity but there is more fun betting on last place, for which the competition is arguably much greater. The longest odds should be reserved for a country ending up without a single point, as Norway did on one priceless occasion, although this may have been a statistical freak unlikely to be repeated. The other joy of the Eurovision is watching Terry Wogan trying to square the circle of affecting to maintain a proper scepticism about the whole charade while managing not to bile the hand that so abundantly eds him. For the record, this year's bash comes from Zagreb in Yugoslavia and British hopes rest with

Emma Booth from Bridgend who is only 15 and has a song called "Give a Little Love Back to the World" NB: programme times after the Song test are approx



British entry, 15-year-old Emma (8.00pm)

10.45 News with Michael Buerk. Sport and

11.05 Peramount City — With Arthur Smith. Host Arthur Smith is joined by impressionist Steve Coogan, Curtis and Ishmael, stand-up comedian Mickey Hutton and John Manfrellotti. With music from Hothouse Flowers. Northern Ireland: highlights of the Bass Irish Cup final 11.55 Paramount City 12.35am 1.20 Gloria Gaynor in Concert 11.45 Film: The Awakening (1980) stamng

Charlton Heston, Susannah York and Stephanie Zimbalist. Third-rate horror movie, based on a Bram Stoker novel. Directed by Mike Newell 1.25am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Learning and Doing Maths 7.25 A Sample Story of Country Folk 7.40 Latin Squares 8.05 Living Choices: New Dimensions 8.30 Pathways in the Brain 8.55 Land Use in Brazil 9.20 Physics: Painting Potentials 9.45 The Trouble with Science 10.10 Living with Technology: UK Power 10.35 Broadcasting Rituals 11.00 The History of Mathematics 11.25 The Novel and Television 11.50 The Successful Seven 12.15 Physics: Ideal Sounds 12.40 Weapons Procurement 1.05 Personality, Development and Learning 1.30 Modern Art: Picasso 1.55 Discovering Sixteenth Century Strasbourg 2.20 An Exam for All Reasons

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode four of the 91-part dramatization of India's great epic poem. After renouncing the throne of Hastinapur and taking a vow of celibacy, Bhishma takes Satyavati to his father, King Shantanu. Starring Risahbh Shukla, Debashree Roy and Mukesh Khanna. In Hindi with English subtitles 3.25 Film: Meet Me at the Fair (1952).

Diverting musical tale of an orphan who runs away to join a travelling medicine show. Dan Dailey, Diana Lynn and Chet Allen star in another film in the Douglas Sirk season
4.50 International Golf. Action from the

second round of the Benson and Hedges international from the St Mellion course in Cornwall, introduced by Harry Carpenter 5.25 Badminton Horse Trials, presented by Raymond Brooks-Ward. The climax of the cross-country phase of the Whitbread Trophy. The commentators

are Michael Tucker, Lucinda Green and Loma Clarke 6.15 International Gymnastics. Coverage of the Women's European Gymnastics introduced by Barry Davies from

Athens. The commentator is Mitch Fenner
7.30 NewsView. Moira Stuart with today's

news and sport; Lynette Lithgow reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather



Dustin Hoffman plays Willy Loman (8.15pm)

8.15 Film: Death of a Salesman (1985). Arthur Miller's play was first filmed in 1951 by Laszo Benedek (later to make the notorious The Wild One with Marlon Brando) with Fredric March as Villy Loman, the elderly New York salesman at the end of his tether. It was generally well received, but not by Miller who complained that it had imposed naturalism on a work that exists much of the time in Willy's mmd. This 1985 version, made as a

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television special by the German director, Volker Schlondorff, is based on a Broadway stage revival in which Miller was closely involved. The result tends to be a respectful record, rather than a freshly minted piece of filming, though it is closer to Miller's original intentions. Dustin Hoffman (who took the role as a challenge, without salary) plays Loman as an ordinary guy. and given Hoffman's build, a little guy, whose failure and self-inflicted denise nevertheless have the ring of tragedy. It is sometimes a mannered performance but always a performance but always a compelling one. Charles Durning, as Charley, Willy's assistant and only friend, and John Malkovich, who plays the Loman son Biff, stand out in an 10.25 Saturday Night Clyde. Television and radio presenter Clare English teams up with singer of Hue and Cry, Pat Kane, and media personality Stuart Cosgrove, to take a critical look at the best of Glasgow's International Arts

Festival over the next six weeks 11.05 The Salesman Goes to China. In 1974, 35 years after hecreated Willy Loman, Arthur Miller was invited to direct Death of a Salesman in Pekino Jill Evans's documentary, which was first shown in Omnibus, charts the remarkable meeting between the two worlds as the Chinese company try to come to grips with the family from

12.10am Film: Success (1979) starring Jeff Bridges and Belinda Bauer. Offbeat, uneven but sometimes very funny story about a couple in a frustrated marriage who revive the romance when the husband assumes a gangster alter ego and begins an affair with his own wife. When she falls for the new him, he steals five million dollars from her father to buy a new start in life. Directed by William Richert. Ends at 1.35

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6.00 TV-am begins with News read by Susie Grant followed by Good Morning Moments in which Ulrika Jonsson looks back at the highlights of the past week on TV-am. 7.00 WAC 90. Children's entertainment present Michaela Strachan and Make

9.25 Ghost Train. Includes music from Beats International with Lindy Layton and an interview with Neighbours actress Jessica Muschamp

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage

Video features U2 12.30 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. Adventures of Mark Twain's heroes 1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

1.05 LWT News and weather 1.10 Saint & Greavsie. On the linal Saturday of the official League season, Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves look at the promotion and relegation issues still to be decided and feature the Goal of the Season

1.40 Sportsmasters. Dickie Davies hosts

the grand final of the quiz for sports 2.10 Coronation Street. The omnibus edition of the episodes shown tast Wednesday and yesterday
3.05 Matlock. Courtroom drama series

staming Andy Griffith as a shrewd

hayseed lawyer, this afternoon

defending his nephew on a murder 4.05 Katts and Dog. Harmless American policeman-with-dogs adventures starring Jesse Collins and Rin Tin Tin

4.35 071/081 For London presented by Michael Aspet. At midnight London switches over to 071 and 081 telephone prefixes 4.45 Results Service introduced by Elton

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5.15 Steal. Computer quiz game show hosted by Mark Walker 5.45 Baywatch. Glossy, shallow adventures of a learn of Californian beach guards, Starring David

Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley, Tonight the young couple are reluctant to pose nude for each other (r) (Oracle). Followed by 071/081 For London 7.40 Film: Lady Ice (1973) starring Donald Sulherland, Jennifer O'Neill and Robert Duvall. An insurance investigator steals a diamond and goes into partnership with a gangster's daughter. Unamusing Miami-based

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6.40 Davro. More clever mimicry from

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7.10 The Two of Us. Likeable domestic

the man with a thousand faces. Last

thriller directed by Tom Gries 9.25 071/081 for London presented by Michael Aspel. At midnight London switches over to 071 and 081

telephone prefixes. 9.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Sport and weather 9.45 LWT Weather 9.50 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel's guests tonight are of a thespian bent -Oliver Reed, John Thaw and Sir Richard Attenborough

 A huge tribute to John Lennon. performed before 45,000 people at the Pierhead in Liverpool, and hosted by Yoko Ono Lennon, Sean Lennon, Christopher Reeve and Mike Read, It s 10 years ago in December that Lennon was cut down by an assassin's bullet. Like other pop figures who died before their time, he has become the stuff of myth and legend though his tangible legacy remains his songs. These are being performed tonight by a raft of artists running alphabetically from Ray Charles to Wet Wet Wet and including former Beatles, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr. Natalie Cole, Roberta Flack and Cyndi Lauper are also there and so. perhaps a little incongruously, is Kylie Minogue. Proceeds from the concert, which continues on Channel 4 at 11.50pm, will go to the Spirit Foundation, which was set up by Lennon and Yoko Ono in 1978 to fund

environmental projects
11.50 Live from Telecom Tower. Michael
Aspel hosts a special programme to

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record company (r)
3.45 Racing Yachts. A musical interlude
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Dance the early hours away as Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan introduce the hottest sounds from the coolest clubs, plus fashion and competitions

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons for younger viewers 7.00 Kaboodle. Children's series combining comedy, adventure and fantasy 7.30 International Times. Reports on the stories behind the adlines and a look at the ways in which foreign television stations cover news stories 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line. A look back at the past week and a preview of the weekend's racing events

9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s (r)

9.30 Listening Eye. Deaf people of all ages look back on their schooldays (r) 10.00 Film: Amanush (1974). Uttam Kumar stars in this remantic tale of good and evil. Madhu is a kind, nch man who loses his love and fortune to the corrupt Mahim. The film cleverly conveys the gulf between corruption and moral goodness. Directed by Shakti

12.50 Edelweiss. Bulgarian animation 1.00 Film: At War with the Army (1950, b/w). Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis star in this crazy farce. Lewis is a stupid private who lets super-smooth Martin exploit him for his own ends. Directed by Hal Walker.

2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 3.00, 3.40 (General Accident 2,000 Guineas Stakes), 4.15 and 4.45 races 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle) 6.00 Right To Reply includes a

cussion on Cutting Edge's No Home For Barry 6.30 Gallery. George Melly hosts the art quiz in which celebrities show off their knowledge on paintings, sculptures

and drawings 7.00 The World This Week reports on the international talks on the reunification of Germany. Followed by Weather 8.00 Adventures: Right Up the Zipper! Leo Dickinson is in Florida to watch an attempt on the world linked freefall title (r)

9.00 thirtysomething. American comedy/drama series about middle-class and middle-aged angst.

(Oracle) 10.00 Film: Masques (1987). Claude Chabrol must be fed up by now with being called the French Hitchcock but he does rather invite it. In his script for this 1987 thriller he playfully includes allusions to at least three Hitchcock films - Rebecca, Suspicion and Natorious. But Chabrol has long since escaped the influence of the master and evolved

Masques is a light and amusing piece, assembled with the nonchalant skill of a film-maker who knows exactly what he is up to. The invariably excellent Philippe Noiret plays a television game show host whose genial public face is gradually stripped away to reveal the villainy beneath. The spring for the plot is the visit to Noiret's country house, with its strange and sinister collection of staff and servants, of a writer who is ghosting his biography. As always with Chabrol, the interest lies not so much in whodunit, but in their motives

11.50 Lennon. Liverpool plays host to this celebration of ex-Beatle John Lennon. The live concert, introduced by Mike Read and Christopher Reeve, features Al Green, Roberta Flack and Sarah Vaughan, among others. There are also recorded tributes from stars who are unable to be present on the night. Coverage of the event began on ITV at 10.35cm 2.10am The Mysteries of Edgar

Wallace: Downfall (1963, b/w). A famous criminal lawyer defends a man accused of murder. B-picture material with a superior cast, including Maurice Denham, Peter Barkworth and T. P. McKenna. Ends at 3.15

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RADIO 1

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Classic Abums Steve Miler latis to Roger Scott South West Week 1.40-2.10 Katls and Dog 3.05-4.45 Film: Guns of the Timbertend 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Soul recorded at the Town and Country Club.

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Record 3.00 Martin Kehrer 4.45 Nicholas
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6.00 Richard Clayderman in Concert 7.00
String Sound 7.30 35 Years of
Eurovision 11.205 As London except: 2.10pm Film: Roller Booge 4.00 Cartoon Time 4.15-4.45 Who's The Boss? 5.05-5.15 Northern Life Saturday Special 7.40-9.30 Letting Go 11.50 Soccer Special 12.45am Special Squad 1.45 Cartoon Time 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 First Exposure 4.30-5.00 Amenca's Top Ten 12.05am Stars of the Somes: Justin

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NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 The Panda 6.00 Perfect Strangers 6.30 Suli Thart 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Repute 7.35 The Tracey Ullman Show 8.00 News tollowed by Indian Country 9.00 Film A Woman Called Moses 12.25am Close

FM Stereo and MW 5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis

RADIO 2

Hayward 1,00-4.00 Nightnde MW as above except 1,30-6.00pm

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only):
The Enlightenment, The
Geneva Episode
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart
(Overture, The Magic Flute);
Albeniz (Cordoba "Cantos de España"); Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in G, R 437)

Concerto in G, R 437)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Mendelssohn (Rondo Brillant
in E flat): Beethoven (March in
O, WoO 24): Nielsen (Little
Suite): Holborne (Pavan,
Paradizo): Elger (Three
Bavarian Dances)
8.30 News
8.35 Bournemouth Sanfonietta
under Roger Norrington, with

under Roger Nomington, with Wissam Boustany, flute, leuan Jones, harp, performs Mozart (Concerto, K 299); Stravinsky (Pulcinelle) (r) 9.30 Saturday Review with Edward Greenfield. Record Review — Building a Library: Michael Kennedy on Vaughan Williams's Sea Symphony:

Nicholas Kenyon on Baroque choral music 10.40-3,00am Berlin Weekend: Radio 3 mounts a special celebration from a city once again the centre of world

10.40 Welcome to Berlin: The weekend's highlights and the cultural and political issues of the moment are previewed by John Tusa and John Drummond, who also look forward to formorrow's East German local elections 11.05 Radio 3 joins Sender Freies Berlin for Klassik nach Zwolf (with Berlin RSO); Reissiger lesus Lopez-Cobos), Schubert, orch Liszt Gary Bertim): Blacher (Pagamini Variations)
12.00 Signposts and Souvenirs —
City in Transit- Philip Brady explores the changing landscape of Berlin, travelling against the tide from West to East. The city's past is

remembered by artists, writers, meatre people and passers-by, who also consider what Serbir means now 1.00pm A Consummate Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Presented by Richard Osporne. Part 6: The Bertin Gundula Jenowitz, soprano, Jon Vickers, tenor); Schumenn 3.00 A Nation Reborn? John Tusa chairs a discussion on whether German unitication

will lead to a revival of traditional nationalist values 3.15 A Henlage Divided: Berlin's by Michael Ofiver. The Academy of Early Music and the Berin Baroque trio perform music by Quantz, Schaffrath, the Brothers Graun, Telemann and Weber,

among others
5.15 Conductor Christoph von Dohnanyi, born in Berlin in 1929, talks to John Drummond about his childhood memones of the city, his family's involvement in the opposition to Hitler and his hopes for the

city's future
5.30 RIAS Chamber Concert: Autos
Wind Quantet, with Anthony
Spir., pano, performs
Beethoven (Quantet in E fial, Op 16); Poulenc (Sextet) 6.15 Opera News: Reports and information about Berlin's opera houses with James Naughtie. And Hans Werner Henze introduces his new

opera . . . 7.00 Das verratene Meer: Chorus and Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper under Markus Stenz, with Stephanie Sundane, soprano, give the first performance of Henze's opera, based on Mishima's novel, The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea. Live from Deutsche Oper, Berlin. Part 1 7.50 Hans Werner

Henze talks to John

Part 2 9.15 Kritik: The Henze opera, the Theaterfretfen and other majo events and trends in Berlin's cultural life are discussed by critics and artists. John Tusa's quests include Peter Conrad, Philip Brady, and from Berlin, writer and actor Hans Zischler and painter Sarah Haffner 10.15 B-Side Berlin: Other tacels of Berlin are explored by Cherno Jobatey, including the city's bars and the revival of punk

Drummond about his relationship with Berlin 8.30

Dars and the revival or pure.

10.50 Coco Schumenn, who
survived Auschwitz by playing
the guitar, describes why he
came back to Berlin to make a living as a jazz musician 11.00 Berliner Jazznacht Radio 3 joins RIAS Berlin for its regular weekly jazz programme, featuring the RIAS Big Band under Barry Ross. Including recordings from the Berlin Jazz Festival 3.00am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 The Familing Week: An Essex farm opens its gates, to give politicians and opinion formers what farmers do, and why 6.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55,

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news, presented by Bernard Falk with Nigel Coombs
(0.00 News: Lones Ends: With Nigel 10.00 News: Loose Ends: With Ned Sherrin and guests Richard Jobson, Arthur Smith and

Errima Freud (s) 11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Andrew Marr, political editor of *Th*e

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 Money Box presented by Louse Botting and Vincent Druggleby
12.25pm Just a Minutel Nicholas
Parsons chairs the last in the present series of the non-stop talking game. With Wendy Richard, Clement Freud, Peter Jones and Derek Nimmo (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Groby, Leicestershire, with panellists David licke, Clare Short, MP, Sir Cyril Smith, MP, and Norman Tebbst, MP (r) 2.00 News: Any Answers? 071-590 4411. Jonathan Dmbleby takes Irsteners' calls on issues

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2.30 Time of Ther Lives. An occasional series of biographical plays. Thin Boy, by Colin Davis. The story of Claude "Buck" Eatherly, ax-509th Squadron USAF, who pleaded not guilty by writte of misantly when he stood that for ribbing noist officer. He but msantly when he stood that for robbing post offices He had been on the Huroshima bomb run. With Peter Whitman as Claude Eatherty (s) (r)
4.00 The Living World: Derek Jones explores Stapton Ley in Devon 4.30 Science Now with Alun Lewis 5.00 Conversation Piece in the fourth of six programmes, Sue MacGregor meets children's book publisher Sebastian Walker (r)

kslens in to conversations in pubs and clubs around the 7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: The Little Father, Royce Ryton's first radio play is a powerful historical drama tracing the last tragic years of Tsar Alexander II Paul Daneman

5.25 Week Ending: Satincal review

6.00 News; Sports Round-up 6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s) 7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson

of the week's news, With Sally Grace, Bill Wallis, David Tate and Royce Mills (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55

and Dorothy Tulin star as the 19th-century Emperor and Empress of Russia. At the heart of the story is the domestic life of the Imperial family, at a time when "the little father" of the Russian people discovers that his plan to tree the people from seridom is causing hatred among his subjects and his family (s) 9.15 Music in Mind. Brian Kay with

a selection of melodies (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten led by the Rt Rev Richard Hames (s) 9.59 Weather

weather
10.00 News
10.15 All m a Sailor's Chest, by Sam
Richards, An impresson of the
file of "Yankee Jack" who was
a deep sea sailor during the
19th century, With Chris Hams
10.45 Ottoman Adventure: Part 6. Flight to Divarbakir. Novelist Joseph Hone continues his travels through Turkey. This week, he journeys east to the Kurdish hearitands and the traditional site of the Garden of Eden

11.00 Richard Baker Compares

Notes with followers

Notes with folk musicians Kathryn Tickell and Liam 11.30 And Now, in Colour ... Back to the Studio. Comedy with Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vanduk

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12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shapping Forecast FM as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.30-6.00 Ophons: 4.30 Education Matters - Special (new senes) 5.00 Get Winters (new senes) 5.30 Speak for Yourself

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE 6,00am Barrier Real 6,30 The Flying Kwin 7,00 Fun Factory 11,00 The Bronic Woman, The Anticle 12,00 Frank Bough's World 1,00pm Stack Steep Squadron 2,00 Wres-lung Challenge 3,00 The Man from Atlantis 4,00 Chopper Squad 5,00 The Love Bost 6,00 Frim Call Me Mister Betty Grabits stars in the muscal about no arms semeated out to m this musical about an army sergeant out to we back his eventle With Dan Dadey 8.00 Film The Triangle Factory Fire Scandal A dramatization of the deaths of 146 women who worked in an unsale sweatshop. Starning Stephanie Zimbelst 10.00 Super-stars of Wrectling 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Untouchables

SKY NEWS

News on the hour 5.30am Motor Sports News 6.30 Newslane 7.30 Buyond 2000 8.30 Frank Burgin This Week 9.30 Royang Report 10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30 Seyand 2000 12.30pm Fashion TV 1.30 Royang Report 2.30 Motor Sports News 3.30 Cur Would 4.30 Beyond 3000 5.30 Enfertamment This Week 6.30 Fashion TV 7.30 Royang Report 9.30 Cur Would 10.30 Entertamment this Week 11.30

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00em The Shopping Chemnel 2.00pm Let's Do it Again (1975) Bit Cosby and Sufney Potter as two hands who attempt to rase money by hypnoticing a bose to win a high 4.00 Carry On Doctor (1958) The Carry On team in a last-paced force about a hight among medical men for a weight-reduction tormula 6.00 City on Fire (1979). Henry Fonda stars in this disaster move about an explosion in a chemical factory which threatens is nearby Town
7.40 Emertainment Tomght
8.00 Buster (1988) Phil Collins stars as
Buster Edwards in this romanticized account of the escapades of the Great Tran
Robbers Luke Walters co-stars
9.40 UK Top 10: Cinema films
10.00 Improved (1987) Mector Bebenco's
adealation of Walters Kennedy's moral stars

adaptation of William Kennedy's royol stars Jack Nacholson and Meryl Streep as two vagrants Nacholson makes a limit attempt to draig hamself out of the guilfor and make amends for his pass 12.30am Your Ticket Is No Longer Valid-Psychological drama, starting Richard Hams

Fashion TV 12:30am The Best of Target 1.30 Motor Sports News 2:30 Entertainment local Latent competition, a street gang who makes 3:30 Those Were the Days 4:30 Beyond 2000 Campines 4.00 Jumpin' Jack Flash (1986) Whoopi Goldberg stars as a computer operator caught up in an espionage piol Ends at 5.45am

> EUROSPORT 6.00am As Sky One 9.00 BMX 9.30 Backetball 11.00 World Cup Preview 12.00

Destruction 11.00 worst cup review 12.00 voletotal 2.00pm Eurosport Live Golf — The Benson and Hedges International from 51 Methon, England, Bedminton Horse Trails 6.00 Muster Trucks 7.00 Bourg 8.30 Trail 9.00 Basketball 10.30 Gymnastics 12.30am SCREENSPORT 7.00am Rugby League 8.30 Herse Racing 9.00 Powersports International 10.00 Motor Racing 12.00 to Hockey 2.00pm Cycling: Tour de Trump 3.30 Horse Racing 4.00 Wide World of Sports Gymnastics — USA vUSSR. Kertlydky Derby Treil 6.00 Sport en France 6.30 Powers togets International 8.00 Cycling 1.00 Motor 1.00 Motor 1.00 Powershop 1.00 Motor 1.00 Powershop 1.00 Powersh

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sional Boxing 2.45 Bowling 4.00 Internal at Football 4.30 Major League Baseball MTV

12.00 Jason of Star Command 12.30 pm The Secret of its 1.00 Zonro's Fighting Legion 1.30 McKeever and the Colonel 2.00 Championship Rodeo 2.45 Video Review Show 3.00 Wiesting 4.00 Edge of Night 6.00 The Self-e-Vision Shopping Channel

LIFESTYLE

Twenty lost hours of rock and pop

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL a Alt tims are toflowed by News and 12.00 Bolero (1934, b/w). George Raft and Carole Lombarn star in the story of a clancer's risk to fame and fortune, in which dancer's risk to fame and forfune, in which Sally Rand performs her notionous han dance 1.45pm King Ret (1965; b/w). An American corporal gants the upper hand over his tyllow protries in a Jaganese Poliv camp Starring George Segal and Tom Courteray 4.00 Mannequin (1987). Androw McCarring and Kim Cathrall stor in a contecty about a beautiful department store during who comes to the

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6.00 Baby Boom (1987) Diane Kesion as a yuppue business executive whose kie is jurned upside down when she inherits a baby 8.00 Bigloot and the Hendersons (1987). A tamey on a camping toliday encounter a Bigloot and take it back home with them 10.00 The Binde (1985). Song and Jonnater Boats star in this remake of The Binde of Frankertees.

Frankerstern
12.05am Mike's Murder (1984) A young woman hacks down a heefd's lutter Stammg Debra Winger
2.00 The Trials of Oscar Wilde (1960) Historical drama pontraying the downlatt of the great dramatist and will following the unsuccessful litel action against the Marques of Quisonsbury Stammy Peter Finch. Finds at 4.30am que of Quoensi Ends at 4.30am

GALAXY

7.00am Superinends 7.30 Hello Kitty's Funy Tala Theatre 8.15 Remagnest 9.30 The incredible Hull News and Weather 9.00 The Galaxy Calu Show, News and Weather 12.00 Jupiter Moon 1.30pm Doctor Who — From the Start 2.00 Cool Cubo: News and Weather 5.00 Grainge Hill 5.30 Kods Court 6.00 The Goodes 6.30 Tail Death Up Do Part 7.00 Maude. News and Weather 7.30 Intellect 8.00 Nightingales 9.00 Hell Street Blues 10.00 Jools Holland's The Happenrey, News and Weather 13.00 Nightingales 19.00 Hell Street Research Weather 13.00 Nightingales 19.00 Hellock Research Weather 13.00 Nightingales 19.00 Nig ws and Weather 11.30 Naked City

12.30am The Repeatable Up Yer News 1.00 TV Film Terror Among Us

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

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NOW

10.00am High Street, Drecedod by News and Weather 12.00 hts a Wrap 1.00pm First Edition 2.00 Front of House 2.30 Encore. Bavel Double Bill 4.30 Pina Bausch and her Company — A Profile 5.45 Classic Choice Czech Phiharmonic/Fucik 7.30 Bravo 8.00 Saturday Postormance: American Ballet Thoatro at the Mei 10.00 Soft conducts Tchaikovsky and Prokohev

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6.45 Open University
8.55 Playdays (r)
9.15 Making Sense . . . Of the Church,
Donald Reeves, the Rector of St
James's Church, Piccadilly, looks at the place of the Church in everyday life

9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's home in Great Risington, Gloucestershire 10.00 Bazzar. Janice Long hosts this

magazine programme which includes Harry Greene offering tips for decorating the outside of the house (r) 10:25 Take Nobody's Word for It (r) 10.50 Business Matters (r). Wales: The

Flying Doctors
Flying Doctors
11.15 Women Mean Business (r).
(Ceefax) 11.40 Step Up to Wordpower.
Chris Serle with reading and writing help for adults. (Ceefax). Wales: 11.3512.30 Time For Sport 12.05 See Hear! Magazine for the hearing

impaired 12.30 Country File. Reporter Anne Brown reveals that a pint of slurry from farms has the same pollution potential as 200 gallons of treated sewage. Wales: Farming in Wales
1.00 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by

On the Record. With problems piling up for the Tories John Rentoul reports on whether they can recover in time for the next General Election, and whether they will need to change their leader in order to regain their

popularity
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: The Battle of the River Plate
(1956, b/w) starring John Gregson,
Anthony Quayle and Peter Finch.
Conventional Second World War Conventional Second World War adventure about the Royal Navy's efforts to destroy the "Graf Spee", a German pocket battleship that was wreaking havor on British merchant shipping. Written and directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger 4.55 Bugs Bunny, Cartoon

5.10 All Our Children. In Yorkshire four children have their first day at the seaside, in China a three-year-old girl

spends six days a week at a 24-hour kindergarten. Meanwhile, in the remote Andes region of Ecuador, the children adapt and find things to play with while, in Lencashire, a fouryear-old boy learns how to bake.

6.00 The Clothes Show. A consumers guide to education in tashion. The Clothes Show team visits more than a dozen colleges offering a variety offashlon courses, looking at the final-year shows and talking to students and futors

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 6.40 Praise Bel The first in a new series of popular hymns presented by Thora Hird. (Ceefax)

7.15 All Creatures Great and Small. Robert Hardy overacts delightfully in the prettily-photographed vet series (r).(Ceefax) 8.05 The Black Adder. Final episode in

the repeat series of the cult comedy sees Black Adder on a quest to recruit the seven most evil men in the and so that he can seize the throne. (Ceefax)
8.35 Mastermind. The specialist subjects

are the life and career of Montrose 1612-1650; Edward IV; the life and reign of Akbar 1542-1605; and the archaeolog of Wessex 2,500BC-AD43
9.05 News with Michael Buerk, Weather 9.20 That's Life! Consumer affairs

10.90 Single Volces.

Sheila Hancock continues the senes of dramatic monologues with a piece she wrote herself about dowdy piece she wrote herself about dowdy Doreen, who compensates for a lonely and unfilled life by harbouring tantasies about the tamous. Her first love, she reveals, was Danny Kaye ("he had such lovely trousers always"), whose photograph now shares her walf with Barry Manikow. But Danny and Barry may both have to go because there's new man in her life, none other than the Duke of Edinburgh, about to visit the baths where she takes the to visit the beths where she takes the tickets. Convinced that "he needs me desperately", but worried about sparking off another scandal like the Windsors, she knocks up a new dress

and practises curtsys. We can laugh

at Doreen but she is essentially pathetic and this is beautifully conveyed in Hancock's performance. Hancock the actress is well served by Hancock the writer, with her sharp ear for the language of lower middle-class



Sheila Hancock as dowdy Doreen (10.00pm)

10.30 Everyman. An examination of what psychological changes affect soldiers

who are trained to kill.

11.10 Women Mean Business. Sheila, Audrey and Jane share their experiences with Glenda Jackson as they choose to take re-training courses to update their skills and return to work. (Ceefax). Wales: Annual Conference of the Wales TUC

11.35 The Sky at Night. Dr Mike Hawkins of Edinburgh's Royal Observatory joins Patrick Moore to discuss the recent discovery of a Brown Dwarf. Wales: 11.40 Fram Welsh International Relly

11.55 Mahabharat. Episode four (r) Wales: Women Mean Business 12.20am Mahabarat 1.00 The Sky at Night 12.35am Weather, Wales 1.20

6.35 Open University 12.00 Westminster Week. Followed at 12.35 by regional reviews of the Parliamentary week. (Ceefax). Wales: See Hear! Northern Ireland: Raw

BBC 2

1.00 Open Forum Magazine 1.25 Sunday Grandstand. 1.30 Hockey: the National League Cup final between Hounslow and Havant; 2.50 Motor Racing: the Esso British Touring Car championship; 3.10 and 5.30 Gymnastics: Women's European Championships from Athens, 4.00 Horse Trials: from Badminton; 4.20 Golf: the Benson and Hedges international Open 5.50 Rugby Special. The Pilkington Cup

and Schweppes Cup finals 6.35 The Money Programme. Making firms responsible for training their workforce

7.15 The Natural World: Wild Waterfalls

8.05 Hypotheticals: Privacy and the ◆ Like What the Papers Say this is a long-running ITV show which has been given a new home by the BBC.
Three programmes spread through the week tackle aspects of the media starting tonight with press (which also

means broadcasting) intrusions into privacy. We soon have an admission from the Prime Minister's daughter, Carol Thatcher, that she would tell lies in the interests of getting a good story but on the whole the imaginary situations (national soccer team wiped out in an air crash, death of a public figure rumoured to have Aids) finds the panellists divided on predictable lines. As always with the format there are too many contributors and the programme is more than half way through before Peregrine Worsthome manages to get word in. The star of the show is under moderator, Professor Arthur Miller from Harvard, a witty and incisive questioner who does not put up with any squitming 9.05 Ten Commandments. The first in an

acclaimed series of films by the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski 10.00 Moviedrome: Assault on Precinct

13 (1976). · Even if the fitms are rubbish, as they sometimes are, the series is worth catching for bizarre presence of Alex Cox, resident host for this latest selection of cult offerings from cinema. Cox, whose own cult status had sadly not progressed beyond his debut film, Repo Man, is not only a terrific enthusiast for the cinema but

also knows what he is talking about. He tes you want to watch. Tonight he is on fairly easy ground since John Carpenter's Assault on Precinct 13 does not need any special pleading. A low budget homage to vintage Hollywood, and in particular the tough ionalism of the films of Howard Hawks, it is taut thriller about a police station under siege.



Alex Cox: cinema's cult offerings (10.00pm)

Essentially it transcesses a well-read Western plot to an urban setting, and has echoes of Hawks's Rio Bravo. Now mainly known as a horror specialist Carpenter has never made anything better (Ceetax)

11.35 Rapido (r). Ends at 12.20am

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am 8.00 Anne Diamond on Sunday. The day's papers are reviewed by Carol

Thatcher and Brian Johnston 9.25 Film: The Ghost of Cypress Swamp (1977) starring Vic Morrow, Noah Beery and Jeff East. Part one of a Disney story about the tracking down of a panther attacking farmers stock. Directed by Vincent McEveety

10.15 The Campbells, Canadian adventures of a Scottish pioneering

10.45 Link. Peter White examines how disabled people in Belfast manage to move around the city 11.00 Morning Worship. A service from Belfast to celebrate 150 years of the

General Assembly of the esbyterian Church in Ireland 12.00 Visions. A reflective programme examining moral and religious issues 12.30 071/081 for London, Paul Ross reminds Londoners of the telephone

number changes 12.40 Police 5 12.55 LWT News and weather 1.00 News at One with Sue Carpenter. Weather

1.10 Eyewitness includes an appraisal of Neil Kinnock with contributions from his political allies; and a report on the high percentage of Falklands veterans who have suffered Post Traumatic 2.00 Film: Fifth Man in a String Quartet

(1972). Average McCloud investigation, this afternoon looking for the perpetrator of a gangland-style killing. Directed by Russ Mayberry. 3.30 Film: Fire in the Stone (1983) staming Paul Smith and Alan Cassell, Emotional story of a young man working in Australia's opal mines, determined to find a big stone and

reunite his estranged parents. Directed by Gary Conway

6.00 Brave New Wilderness. Wildlife series in which Gavin Weightman looks at how land once lost to industry has returned to nature 6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

6.35 LWT News and weather 6.40 Appeal by Paul Nicholas on behalf of the British Deaf Association

6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe is in 7.15 A Kind of Living. Silly sitcom staring

Richard Griffiths. (Oracle) 7.45 Perfect Scoundrels: The Milk of Human Kindness, Peter Bowles and Bryan Murray as a pair of mutually distrusting conmen. (Oracle)

8.45 Jesves and Wooster. Stephen Fry and Hugh Laune are in superlative form as the latest manifestations of P. G. Wodehouse's celebrated characters - a dalt gentleman of leisure and his superior manservant.

(Oracle)
9.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
10.00 LWT Weather 10.05 Not with a Bang. Last in the series of the off-beat comedy about four

people who think they are the sole survivors of a nuclear accident 10.35 Celebration: Madchester - The Sound of the North. The first of three arts

documentanes under this title on Sunday evenings makes a plausible attempt to argue the case for Manchester as the nation's latest swinging city. It is the study of a young working class determined to escape from the recession and the dole queues in an outpouring of music and fashion, creating what the film calls "a psychedelic caricature of the erprise culture". Among those who have contributed to the movement are the local bands Northside. The Happy Mondays and 808 State; the Joe Bloggs clothing emporium with its

commitment to instant feshion; record companies; and, of course, the consumers. To say that Manchester is "the most musically exciting city on the world" seems a large claim, but there are plenty of examples to sustain it



Shaun Ryder of The Happy Mondays (10.35pm)

11.35 Golf: The American PGA Tour 1990. The final round of the USF&G

Classic from New Orleans
12.35am Soap. The continuing comic saga
of the Campbell and Tate lamilies (r)
1.05 Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race. Followed by News headline 1.35 The ITV Chart Show (r). Followed

by News headlines 2.35 Film: The Hanged Man (1964) starring Edmond O'Brien and Robert Cuip. Average drama about a man who unwittingly becomes a pawn in a deadly game between a government agent and a union racketeer. Directed

by Don Siegel 4.05 Pick of the Week. Robert Brydon picks out the week's regional television

highlights 4.35 Outdoor Life. Fishing for trout

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Gardeners' Calender (r). (Oracle) 7.30 Bright Sparks. Cartoon fun with science in mind 8.00 Early Bird. 8.30

David the Gnome 9.00 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors 9.25 Movie Mahal: Birnal Roy - The Silent Thunder. A portrait of Indian director Birnal Roy, using clips from his films and dialogue with actor Dilip Kumar and Amitabh Bachchan. Roy is best known for his naturalistic epproach and his way of adding melancholy aspects to his musicals (r).

(Oracle) 10.00 A Week in Politics examines the significance of the local election results; mulls over Peter Walker's last days as the minister for Wales; and asks if Labour is changing its policy on Europe 11.00 Go for it, From the forests of

Northumbria, the Kielder Challenge final, featuring six teams from various parts of England (r). (Oracle) 11.30 Gophers! Children's comedy series

set in the animal world (r) 12.00 The Waltons. Adventure series about a law-abiding Appalachian mountains family at the time of the

1.00 Land of the Glants. Vintage science fiction series, first shown in the 1960s, about the experiences of the passengers of a space craft that crashes on a land populated by hotile giants. Starring Kevin Hagen

2.00 Film: Twentieth Century (1934, b/w) staming John Barrymore and Carole Lombard. A crazy comedy about an extrovert Broadway producer who, having brought stardom to a onetime shopgirl, tries every trick in the book to get her to sign a contract with him. Directed by Howard Hawks 3.40 Flurina. Animated Swiss children's

story
3.55 Testament: Gospel Truth? John Homer tests the validity of Bible stories, using historical facts and travelling to Middle Eastern locations. Today he attempts to discover whether or not Jesus existed and whether the gospels were accurate (r)
4.55 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The

classic music show from 1957. Cole is joined by Harry Belatonte 5.25 News summary and weather 5.30 Rugby Women. Channel 4 continues

its more liberal approach to sport with a follow-up to women's football women's rugby. Will Carling, the England men's captain, presents the programme which features Great Britain againstitaly 6.30 The Wonder Years. American

comedy series about an adolescent in the Swinging Sixties. Starring Fred 7.00 Fragile Earth: Presque Isle. The

environmental programme this week looks at the various arguments for and against the US decision to half the constant movement of the Presque Isle peninsula, a seven kilometre long sandspit, thus preserving the commercial port of Erie City for which it

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TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25-1.00 The Back Page 2.00 Chartie's Angels 2.55 Breve New Widemess 3.25 Film The Deep Six 5.25 Cartoon Time 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street Cannous 11.35 Word of Mouth 12.05em An

Invitation to Remember (Christopher Lee) 12,30 Cusz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Big

serves as a protective breakwater.

8.00 The Media Show. Presented by Emma Freud, this week's programi goes behind the scenes to look at Ken Roach's controversial new film about Northern Ireland, Hidden Agenda. There is also an interview with Robert Maxwell about his latest venture The European, a weekly newsnaper to be launched on Friday

9.00 The Manageress: Steal Your Heart Away. Cogent drama series starring Cherie Lunghi as the manager of a Second Division football learn pushing for promotion. Despite being on a winning run, the team lacks sparkle, and Gabriella sets out to atter this by signing a new coach. Meanwhile, the 🐇 regular coach has even deeper problems. (Oracle) 10.00 Film: The Asphalt Jungle (1950,

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b/w). Classic thieves-fall-out thriller about a jewel robbery planned by an ex-convict and financed by a corrupt lawyer. A marvellous cast includes Sam Jaffe, Louis Cethem, Sterling Hayden and, in a minor role, Marilyn Monroe. Crisply directed by John Huston

12.10am Film: The Horse Thief (1986). A Chinese-made movie about a Tibetan herdsman and his wife, who are thrown out of their tribe and forced to live the lives of nomads. Slightly censored by the China Film Bureau, this film still provides an insight into Tibetan life, culture and ceremony. Directed by Tian Zhuangzhuang. Ends at 1.40

RADIO

FM Starro and MN Sulfarm Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Lie Bisekhast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.80pm Pick of the Pops: 1998, 1971 ast 1982 3.00 Pop of the Form 3.30 Philip Schoolst 5.00 Top 40 with Bruno Brokes 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-

RADIO 2

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Kelghi 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.05
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Sounds Easy 4.00 Tea at Clandge 5
Teastands 4.00 Sea Screenting Stende (new series) 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Max Jaffa a) 8.30 Sunda Showcase (new series) 8.30 Suncay Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05em Sounds of the Fifties 1.00-4.00er

MW as above except: 2.00-7.00pm

WORLD SERVICE

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SKY ONE

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RADIO 3

6.55am News and Weather 7,00 Hendel: Soneta a 5 (Eng Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Recorder Sonata in 8 flat, HWV 377; Concerto grosso in B minor, Op 6 No 12 (Vienna Concentus Musicus inder Nikolaus Hemoncourt)

7.30 News 7.35 Berlin Backgrounds: Mendelssohn (Overture, A Mendeissonn (Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op 21 "Berlin, 1827" Bernberg SO under Claus Peter Fior); Carl Zelter (Um Mittemacht "Berlin 1818": Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, barttone, Aribert Reimann, (ortepiano); C.P.E. Bach (Concerto in A for harpsichord and strings, Wq 29 "Berlin, 1753": Amsterdam Beroque Orchestra under Koopman); Busoni (Fantasia after Bach

8.35-7.30pm Berlin Weekend: 7.30pm Benin Weekend: James Naughte sets the political scene for a weekend in which East Berlin's voters take pert in the first free local elections since the recent revolution in the German

members of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra) 10.30 Music Weekly: East + We ? Michael Oliver examines their search for artistic, unity, on the advent of

flute, harp and string quartet. Op 221; Wind Septet, Op 165: problems the city's two musical communities taca in economic and administrative

11.15 Berlin PO under Claudio Abbado performs Brahms (Song of Destiny); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor); Brahms (Symphony No 3) 12.45pm The Art Merger: A discussion on the future of East Berlin's National Gallery

revolution in the German Democratic Republic
9.05 Secred Concert: Hassler (Motet, Jubilate Deo: Windsbach Boys' Choir under Karl-Fredrich Beringer); Liszt (Variations on Bach's Winen, Klagen, Sorgen, Sagen: Ulrich Bremsteller, organ of Lübeck Cathedral); Bach (Cantata No 12, Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Segen: Gächinger Kantorei; Bech Collegium Stuttgart under Rilling)
10.00 Koechin (Sonate for oboe, flute, harp and string quartet,

and the New National Gallery n West Berlin 1.00 Voices above the Din: Philip Brady illustrates the variety of saturcal and political songs which have thrived during

1.30 Turing in - Listening to Berlin: on the future of the city's radio broadcasting 2.30 Music behind the Wall: A selection of new and recent Michael Oliver, who talks to some of them about what

> ivelihood 4.00 Berlin RSO: Past . . . under nsky-Korse (Scheherazade) 4.50 The bartione Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau in conversation with John Drummond 5.00 . . . and Present. Under Vladimir Ashkenazy performs Shostakovich (Suite after Poems by Michelangelo: with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau): Strauss (Symphonic poem, Also sprach Zarathustra) 6.00 Berlin 2000: Joachim Nawro

> of Die Zeit explores the future of Germany's one-time political and intellectual capital 6.50 Round-Up Discussion: The future of Bertin and the trends apparent from the day's local elections in East Germany are assessed by John Tusa and

tribute from the Landon Sinfonietta to their long-standing arustic director who died last year at the early age of 46. He was one of the preyear appointment he commissioned 85 new works ally ranowned status. The programme includes: Maxell Davies (Dobra noc); Tal (Litany); Henze (New work); Vedi (Kleine Dreigroschenmusik) 9.00 Anthony Burton talks to 1); Osborne (Eulogy); Berio

sequence recorded in Tewkesbury Abbey 11.25 Haydn and Beethoven Sonatas performed by the pianist Ruth Geiger (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM om Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude with Marjorie Prelude with Margone Lofthouse (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken with Jack Hywel-Davies (s) 8.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday

7.15 The Living Workt: Derek Jones 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Alan Titchmarsh on behalf of Gerdening for Disabled Trust 8.55 Weather

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9.30 Momang Service from the
Priory Church, Malvern (s)

10.15 The Archers ormibus edition

11.15 News Stand: Martin
Wainwright reviews the
periodicals

11.30 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)

12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue

1.00 The World This Weekend with Nick Clarke 1.55 Shipping 7.30 A Concert for Michael Vyner: Live from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, a

eminent patrons of new music this century and during his 17and raised the orchestra to its (Threnody on a plainsong for Michael Vyner); Ravel (Suite, Mather Goose): Görecki composers and colleagues of Vyner 9.20 Lutoslawski (Chair

(Leaf); Birthvistle (Ritual Fragment); Krussen (Secret Song); Stravinsky (Symphony of Psalms) Love Man 10.30 Love Was His Meaning: A

4.42 Profile: This week's guest is Of the missing estate agent Suzy Lamplugh. A fierce and dynamic campaigner, she is the founder of the Suzy

Lamplugh Trust and cofounder of the British scurrently faunching a training service for people dealing wit sexual offenders. Presented by Andrea Adams (s) 5.00 News; Down Your Way: explores Stapton Ley in Devon (r) 7.40 Sunday, with Trevor Barnes and Andrew Green, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News

9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter From America by

Lawley with Prue Leith, restaurateur and cooker, writer (s) 12.55 Weathe

Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Listeners' gardening problems are solved by Dr Stelan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledward. With Clay 2.30 Mad, Bad: Play by Guy Meredith. Working on similar biographies about Byron, two self-obsessed writers

Massey as Isobel and Bill Massey as robe and ball Nighy as Rob (s) (r) Literature is My Mistress — Medicine, My Wile: Pert 5: The Templation of SI Antony. A seven-part profile of Anton Chathete sevenified by Metheal 5) (s)

Sakewell. With David Suchet (5) (s) Changing Churches (new series): Three profiles of radically changing churches. Part 1: St Thomas's in Shetfield (s) 4.00 News: The Ferret From Fort Laramie: Jeremy Cherias tells the story of the fall and use of the rare black-footed ferret

ITV VARIATIONS ANGLIA

Ludovic Kennedy visits the Scottish seaside town of Naim 5.40 Japan Five, Wales Nil: Part 4: The Veteran. Welsh writer Alun Richards talks about the

year he spent in Japan. This week, he meets a Japanese ex-soldier (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News 6.15 Feedback with Chris Dunkley 6.30 The Root of the Matter:

Stephen Beard examines key issues affecting people all over Britain 7.00 Cat's Whiskers with Andy 7.00 Cat's winskers with Arby
Crane
7.30 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde (r)
8.00 Punters with Susan Marling (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: A Diery
Without Dates, by Ernd
Bagnold. Read by Angela
Pleasence
9.00 News; Treasure Islands with
Michael Brosen (r)

Michael Rosen (r) 9.15 The Natural His Programme 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.15 The Countryside in Spring:

Mollie Hams visits the Twyford winery in the Thames Valley (s) (r) 11.00 in Committee: Michael Fairbaim's weekly report on the work of Parliament's select

Martha in the fourth and final programme, Tony Burnham reflects on the story of a woman who followed Jesus as a disciple and witnessed his

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Mary, Sister of

am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast FM as LW except: 7.00-9.00am Open University: 7.00 Artists and Philosophy 7.20 Social Science: Grapevine Magazine 7.40 Luther and Music 1.55-2.00

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HTV WEST

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HTV WALES

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Who -- From the Start 6.00 Dad's Army 6.30 The Best of Steptoe and Son 7.00 hight Court 7.30 The Repeatable Lip Yer News

land's The Happening THE SPORTS CHANNEL

9.30am Soorisdesk 10.00 Scottish Footba Magazine 11:00 Benson and Hedges Golf 12:00 Motorcycling 5:00pm Ice Hockey 6:00 Sportsdesk 6:25 Flugby Leaguer Premer-ship Semi-Final 8:15 Sportsdesk 8:30 Benson and Hedges Golf 10:30 Sportsdesk 11:00 Scottish Football 12:00 Sportsdesk

NOW

10 00am Now Sir Robin 11.00 Creme de la Creme 12.00 West of Moscow 12.45pm Fifteen Minutes from Now 1.00 The Country-side Show 2.00 The Story of Fastion 3.10 Fonteney Too in Concert 4.25 in The Frame Ernsi Fuchs 5.15 Second House: Firebird Double Bill 7.30 Bravol 8.00 Sunday Opera: Cost Fan Tutte 10.45 Front of House

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News 2.00 Off the Hook 2.15 Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race 2.45 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.40 Film. That Rivera Touch 5.30 Brave New Wilderness Valley 3.00 Prot of the Week 3.30 The ITV Charl Show 4.25 Short Slovy Theatre 4.40-5.00 Jobinder. YORKSHIRE 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.35pm Men 12.30am Que Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Big Valley 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 The ITV Chart

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using an ancient, mystical force 10,00 Fatal Attraction (1988): Michael Dougtas as the tamily man who has a weekend after with Glenn Close and suffers a temble retribution when he abandons he and returns to his wife 12.10am Tough Guys Don't Dance (1987): Black comedy, stairing Ryan O'Neal as an amnesiac writer who wakes up to find a Isabelia Rosselim. Ends at 2.00am GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Helio Kithy's Furry Tale Theatre 8.00 Renteghost 8.30 The incredible Hulk 9.00 Blozzard Island 9.30 The Pilleman 10.00 Animal World 10.30 kirls Court 11.00 Mr Ed 11.30 The New Fanlastic Four 12.00 Time of Your Life 1.00pm Sea Hunt 1.30 Facts of Life 2.00 Cool Cube, and 2.30 The Satellite Gam

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Latvia votes for cautious moves toward independence

voted unanimously yesterday to declare the Baltic state "an independent democratic republic" but embarked on a more cautious path to outright independence than its Baltic neighbour Lithuania.

Deputies voted to amend the constitution and take the country down a path back to its pre-1940 status, when it was an independent nation. Hundreds of nationalists chanted outside the par-liament building and some scuffles broke out with Russians opposed to independence. One deputy abstained and 57 boycotted the vote.

The mainly non-Latvian opposition in the parliament put up a stiff resistance to the passage of a resolution establishing the legal basis of the republic's independence. Hopelessly outnumbered. they are using filibustering tactics to delay the Bill.

The atmosphere in the parliament has become increasingly bad-tempered, and the president, Mr Anatoli Gorbunov, is already in a difficult position. He was reelected by the Popular Front as a "conciliatory" figure, but yesterday some Popular Front deputies were privately blaming him for being too conciliatory towards the opposition.

The voting on whether to admit the independence package for debate indicated that the Popular Front has about



Mr Gorbunov: Blamed for being too conciliatory

THE Latvian parliament 139 votes in support of independence, five more than the necessary two-thirds

> The resolution on independence declares null and void the annexation of Latvia in 1940, and re-introduces four essential points of the 1922 constitution of the independent republic. These provide that "Latvia is an independent, democratic republic: that the sovereign power of the Latvian state belongs to the people of Latvia; that the territory of the Latvian state shall consist of its four provinces, within the borders stipulated by international treaties; and that the parliament is elected by universal, equal, direct and secret vote on the basis of propor-

tional representation." The resolution establishes a transition period for the reestablishment of de facto in-dependence. Meanwhile, the Soviet Constitution remains in force, except where it contradicts the four articles of the 1922 Constitution. The authority of the Soviet Union is not explicitly cancelled, as in Lithuania.

The resolution calls for a commission to revise the 1922 Constitution; guarantees the rights of Soviet citizens in Latvia; and establishes a commission to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

Appeals for recognition and support are addressed to President Gorbachov, to the world community and to the "institutions which protect people's rights" in Latvia the KGB, Ministry of the Interior officials, the state procuracy and the police.

The attitude of these forces is likely to be crucial if tension grows between parts of the Latvian and non-Latvian population. The police force is mainly Russian. The new government is planning, as in Estonia, to create a new auxiliary police force from Latvian youths refusing service in the Soviet Army.

Embittered Latvia, page 8



Is it a birdie? Is it an eagle? No, it's the ducklings! Colin Montgomerie waits for newly-hatched locals to pass the 18th green at the Benson and Hedges tournament in St Melion, Cornwall, before putting for a three-under-par roundGolf report, page 48

ar crimes Bill 'doomed'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

law to bring suspected Nazi Britain are on the point of collapse. The Government appears resigned to losing its forces in the Upper House legislation in the face of hardening hostility in the House of Lords.

Ministerial sources confirmed yesterday that a Lords stand trial. Lords ministers vote against the War Crimes and whips have been told they Bill on June 4 will "kill off" the legislation for this session. They insist that it will not provoke a constitutional con-flict, although the Commons supports the Bill, because MPs and peers have been promised a free vote.

Lord

ATTEMPTS to change the leader of the Conservative Britain. However Lords law to bring suspected Nazi Party, Lord Callaghan of Carsources said yesterday that no war criminals to trial in diff, the former Prime Minister, and an array of legal opposed to changing the law to allow suspected Nazi criminals who fled to Britain after session and push it through the Second World War to 1949.

Home Office ministers and most of the Cabinet were persuaded to back the legislation because of the confidential part of the Hetherington/Chalmers report confirmed there is sufficient Whitelaw, deputy evidence to start fair trials in

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briefings of peers were planned to explain the arguments in favour of the legislareach £20 million. tion. The Government would The board said yesterday have the power to re-inthat "hard choices have to be troduce the legislation next made" and outlined a pro-

the Lords by invoking the bring spending into line with Parliament Acts of 1911 and the money it receives from the Government for running the service. Three options have been prepared and a fourth is Another factor in the Goverament's stance on the Bill is growing concern in the Lords still being considered. at the heavy volume of legisla-The board said that choices tion in the next few months. will be based as far as possible The Lords must leave their on three principles: ensuring chamber by the end of July because of scheduled building

Cash shortage could close five hospitals AS MANY as five hospitals tion, and that the board will concentrate on services which could be closed to cope with a cash shortage at Lothian only the National Health Service can provide. The board Health Board which could already intends to concentrate

medical services at four main hospitals in Edinburgh. The announcement comes gramme to staff designed to after criticism that the board was bowing to political pressure in delaying announcing the news until after Thursday's elections.

However, in a letter last light to Mr Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish Secretary, Mr Michael Forsyth, Scottish Health Minister, insisted that maximum efficiency in clinithere hac/been no interference cal services, a regrouping of on the timing of the board's services to prevent duplica-

Holiday end in showers

Continued from page 1

before the good weather began and, having paid for their tickets in advance, will be heading for the Mediterranean where they might usually expect to find guaranteed sum. This year, however, the estimated 250,000 Britons who have ventured abroad - many aiming to take advantage of a seven-day holiday which in-volves taking only four days off work — will find tem-peratures well below those back home and the strong probability of rain all along the Mediterranean coastline.

The rest of the population who remain at leisure in Britain are expected to head for the many theme parks. stately homes, fun-fairs, or seaside towns bringing more traffic problems to them all.

Many of them have already sent out for emergency supplies of ice cream.

Captains of the thousands of cricket clubs which will be taking the field over the next few days will be desperately hoping that they win the toss and get a chance to bat first on the hard dry wickets which produced some astonishing scores around the country

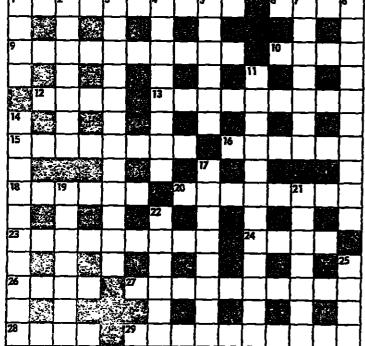
Fishermen could also be in for not only a hot weekend but a bumper one too. Two huge spring salmon have been discovered in the Thames at Hampton Court, one weighing 14½ lb and one 13 lb. They were caught in the National Rivers Authority trap, tagged and returned to the river.

There was a warning from the firemen though that the tinder dry countryside could be set ablaze by families indulging in the favourite warm weather activity of taking a picnic. The dangers of the rush to take advantage of the good weather were underlined in Leeds when Darren Lancaster, aged 23 and a father of three, died in a lake watched by his family.

Inspector Keith Boughen, of Chapeltown police, Leeds, said: "The water is very cold and the depth varies. It looked inviting but we counsel caution on jumping into fresh water lakes and ponds."

Outings, page 52 Gardening, page 41 Jumbo crossword, page 52

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18.286



ACROSS

- i Orchestrate popular march to accommodate the troops (10). 6 Left on board long ago, the ani-
- mai has gone fat (4) 9 Two men on the staff of a Greek
- Division (10). 10 A contribution to host a get-
- 12 Harbour a spy (4).
- 13 Officer in charge in, for instance, North Island (9).
- 15 Anticipate warning order (8).
- 16 Money once enough for treats
- 18 He was dethroned, by Jove! (6). 20 Declining a dip at the end of the month (8).
- 23 Passing through an obsession
- about study (9). 24 Right inside a monk's cramped
- sleeping quarters (4). 26 News, perhaps, originating in the established media (4),
- 27 Deranged, perhaps, and unable to get about inside (10). 28 Old German seized Hanover first (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,285

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Solution to puzzle No 18,280

29 Day lasting too long to be abandoned (10).

1 Self-confessed Black-foot? (4)

8 20 groups debate about missing graduate (10).

11 Historic tax on old money, in line with the law in Westminster

14 Compensating for disappointing

17 Badly garbled direction to raise

capital (8).

19 Flood unearths gold in the river

21 A care he concealed in pain (7).

22 The foreign chap as fallen from

25 Detail that is in the Roman cal-

2 Mark hearing aid (7).

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session (8).

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Not quite! (6)

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SHEAFFER. A prize of a distinctive Sheaffer "Targa" Regency Stripe fountain pen with a solid 14-carai gold inlaid nily will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition. PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London El 9DD. The winners and solution will be

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SPHRAGISTIC a. Having to do with seals b. Wantonly destructive

c. Lighting sponts HORST b. Mounted guerrilles

c. A block of earth's crust RHOPALIC a. A single-stames b. With crevasses c. A kind of lengthening verse

Answers on page 40

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The Times Jumbo Crosswora with concise clues is on page 42

Northern England and WEATHER Wales will start dry and bright with a good deal of strong sunshine but cloud already in the border counties will spread to northern England during the day and across the rest of the country overnight. It will again be very warm in the Midlands and southern England. cotland will have a cooler day with isolated showers. Outlook: cooler with isolated showers, especially in the north. ABROAD **AROUND BRITAIN**

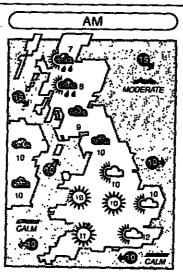
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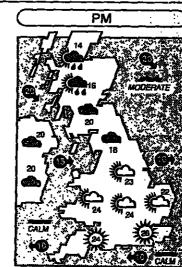
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Ferranti to extend loan deal

PROBLEMS selling Mar-quardt, its California-based weapons business, led Ferranti International yesterday to extend a £62.38 million standby loan facility for a

further two months. The fully underwritten loan stock facility was created in February and was only supposed to be triggered if certain cash generation targets were not achieved.

Markheath buy

Markheath Securities is on the brink of victory in its £70 million bid for Camford Engineering, after buying a further 4.4 per cent stake taking its holding to 48.5 per cent, excluding acceptances. The offer closes a week on Sunday.

Coloroll threat

The refinancing at Coloroll, the home furnishings group, has been put in jeopardy by the collapse in the company's share price and the opposition of major shareholders.

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SATURDAY MAY 5 1990 Markets take | Triple score at Spear comfort in

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Tory showing

STERLING, shares and future Labour government gilts moved strongly ahead as the financial markets reacted favourably to a better-than-expected showing by the Conservatives in the local elections.

But City economists cautioned against reading too much good news into the poll results, given that figures due next Friday are expected to show annual inflation rising close to double digits, fuelling the wage-price spiral.

Despite concern about the economic problems still facing the Government, the election outcome was seen by world markets to relieve the immediate political pressures that have nourished negative sentiment about the British economy.

The pound closed at 87.6 on its trade-weighted index, up 0.6 point on the day. News during the afternoon that the Conservatives had held Westminster helped the index climb 0.3 of a point from its noon level.

A slump in the dollar boosted sterling after poor US unemployment figures showed a rise to 5.4 per cent in April, from 5.2 per cent, the highest for 19 months. The FT-SE 100 index had

moved 24.7 points ahead to 2,159.6 by 4pm, after rising more than 30 points mid-

Privatization shares - on something of a tightrope in recent months as the City tried to assess the intentions of a eased as the threat of renewed

Builder's

shares

suspended

By Stephen Leather

SHARES in Stanley Miller.

the troubled Newcastle

builder and property devel-

stage in 1988. After pulling out

of loss-making construction

work in Scotland, Mr Colin

Powell, chairman, said all the

group's activities were trading

But his profits warning in

January sent the shares below 200p, and they fell to 114p in

February when North Eastern

Investment Trust announced

it had put its 29.9 per cent

North Eastern is 75 per cent

controlled by Mr Ian Liddell-

Grainger, a non-executive

director of Miller, and 25 per

cent by Miller's managing

The shares continued to

slump and on March 1 the

company issued a statement

saying that other than its

profits warning and the announcement of the North

Eastern sale, its directors were

not aware of any reason for the

share price movements "other

general market

From A Correspondent

THE £42 million crash of a savings bank

on the Isle of Man should be the subject

of an independent inquiry, Manx cabinet

They also promised a statement on

demands that the Manx government

should compensate depositors who lost

The moves were condemned by Miss

Gwendoline Lamb, of Marton, Middles-

brough, Cleveland, who has campaigned

on behalf of the depositors, as "far too

The government's executive council

has tabled a motion to the Manx

parliament, the Tynwald, It wants the

Governor to appoint a commission to

consider the steps taken to investigate

the bank's collapse and to examine

events leading to the prosecution of those considered to be criminally

responsible." The commission would

ministers said yesterday.

little and far too late."

their savings in the 1982 crash.

director, Mr Harry Midgley.

profitably.

stake up for sale.

shares slumped 30p to 20p.

polling booths. This was particularly the case for shares in the 10 water companies.

Labour's statement this week that it would not renationalize the bulk of the power industry, set to pass into public hands this autumn, was seen as good news for water shares. It followed rather less categoric remarks made by the opposition early in the year over its plans for the industry.

The belief in the City, which has been enjoying something of a rapprochement with Labour in recent weeks, is that the Socialists will not renationalize, not least because of the enormous cost of doing so and the unpopularity it would incur with the growing army of small investors.

The water package rose 35p to £14.08, although it followed the rest of the stock market in retreating from best levels in slack afternoon trading. Best performers among individual boards were Yorkshire, 8p better at 152p, Wessex, ahead 6p at 148p, and Welsh Water, 5p higher at 150p.

Elsewhere on the stock market, British Petroleum gained 7p to 3194p and British Gas moved ahead 81/2p to 2021/2p. British Telecom, the first of the big privatizations of recent years, was 5p higher at 259p.

Gilts rose more than a point, after an initial jump of 4 of a point, buoyed by a rise in West German bond prices.

pressure for higher interest benefited from news from the rates receded, assisted by developments in West Germany, where a 6 per cent pay settlement by the powerful metalworkers union removed the danger of damaging strikes and relieved domestic pressure for an increase in the Bundesbank's key lending

> Mr Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Yamaichi International, said that by avoiding heavier losses at the polls, the Conservatives had brought relief to the markets, including foreign markets, which have been focusing heavily on Mrs Thatcher's prospects.

However, the Government's problems were far from over, he said, forecasting that the April inflation rate would surge to 9.9 per cent from 8.1 per cent in March, and would only start to come down in September.

With the inflation rate still close to 9 per cent at the end of the year, Mr MacKinnon fore-saw considerable difficulties for the Government in demonstrating its economic success at its party conference.

Some City economists anticipate that annual inflation will this summer climb above 10 per cent for the first time since 1982, exceeding the level when Mrs Thaicher took

Dr Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said the pound rein West German bond prices. mained "very vulnerable" on In the money market, rates the basis of the economic

Receiverships set for record year By Angela Mackay

going into receivership are set on effects of some of the bigger to reach a record this year reflecting high interest rates and

a slow-down in the economy.

oper, were suspended after the Figures released by Grant Thornton, the auditor, show The company has still to release its 1989 profit figures. that receivers were appointed despite issuing a warning alto 1,310 companies in the first four months of this year most three months ago that compared with 1,720 in 1989 they would fall "considerably and 1,217 in 1988. short of the pre-tax £1.25

million reported for 1988. The rate of companies experiencing difficulties rose The shares have had a rough ride since their peak of 336p on May 25 last year. In sharply in the last five months of 1989. This trend accel-September the company anerated in the first four months nounced interim pre-tax profof this year. its of just £22,000, compared with £315,000 at the half-way

Mr Stephen Hill, for Grant Thornton's insolvency di-vision, said persistent high

THE number of companies interest rates and the knockcompanies which have gone into receivership, such as Rush & Tompkins, look like pushing a record a number of

companies to the wall. Recently, several high profile companies have come unstuck including Courtwell, the leisure group, Atlantic Computers, the computer leasing arm of British & Commonwealth, which itself faces the threat of receiver-

This year 22 companies have had their shares suspended on the stock exchange compared with 16 companies

Bid to block share sale to Maxwell fails again

From David Tweed, Sydney

Campaigner for depositors attacks move as 'too little, too late'

Inquiry sought over Manx bank crash

report on whether the action taken was

The move, announced by the Chief

Minister's Office, comes after a trial,

involving eight directors, employees and

other agents of the Savings and Invest-

ment Bank, was halted last week.

Proceedings against the eight, accused of

a total of 37 charges of fraudulent tra-

ding, conspiracy to defraud, and falsifi-

cation of accounts, were dropped be-

cause of the delay in bringing the case to

The judge, Mr Thomas Field-Fisher,

criticized the Manx government for

ignoring pleas by the island's chief

constable in the early 1980s for the

establishment of a fraud squad. The

judge said that when the bank collapsed.

leaving and about 3,000 creditors, no

investigation was possible by the Isle of

Man police "due to the government's

The announcement added that Mr

clear default."

'adequate and timely.'

THE Australian National director of Bell Group, Mr Companies and Securities Commission again failed to freeze the sale of 14.9 per cent of The Bell Group to Mr Robert Maxwell, the media magnate.

A federal court judge in Perth said the NCSC had not shown the necessary urgency to justify its application for a temporary freeze.

But the judge left the way open for another attempt next week, after the NCSC files a Mr Maxwell bought the

formal application. shares off-market on Sunday night from the managing turned down.

David Aspinall, who had acquired them two days earlier. The NCSC has indicated it wants to investigate whether Mr Aspinall breached the

takeover code in buying the shares in view of his position as a senior executive of Bond Corp Holdings, Bell Group's main shareholder.

On Wednesday the NCSC won an injunction in Melbourne preventing the sale, but the deal had already been settled. On Thursday an application to prevent Bell's registration of the transfer was

Double word score and more than doubled profit for Mr Michael Bucher, JW Spear's managing director, right, and finance director Mr Paul Lipscomb. The Scrabble board game maker rose to £1.31 million pre-tax from £509,000 and tripled its payout to 7.5p.

MMC to look into Wm Cook purchases

By Derek Harris

TRIPLE acquisitions by William Cook, the Sheffield castings manufacturer, are to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The investigation has been

ordered on the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, who had raised questions on whether there could be possible effects on competition in the British market for steel castings.

Cook is the biggest British supplier of steel castings for goods ranging from train rails to car engine valves. A key purchase for Cook

was Lloyds (Burton), which was part of Triplex Lloyd and was Cook's main competitor. Lloyds is believed to have had rather less than 10 per cent of the castings market.

Cook also bought the assets, including order books, of two foundries no longer operating. These were the Paramount Foundry at Braintree, Essex part of Lake and Elliott Industries, and Armadale Steel Works at Midlothian, Scotland, part of Australian Nat-

ional Industries.
What the Office of Fair
Trading (OFT) apparently wants to clarify is how much competition in the castings market arises from imports. Some estimates point to as much as half the castings sold in Britain coming from abroad. If this were the case the Cook acquisitions would

almost certainly be given a clean bill of health from the competition point of view. Other estimates seem 10 point to imports accounting for as little as a quarter of the

market share which could raise more serious questions.

Another issue is what effect there is in a niche market for high integrity, or perfect finish, castings for which there are only a few suppliers.

Miles Walker, the Chief Minister, would

make a statement giving the executive

council's reaction to the demands when

executive council had confirmed an

earlier agreement calling for the publica-

tion "as soon as possible" of two

confidential reports into the affair -- one

by Bank of England officials and the

other by inspectors appointed by the High Court at the request of the Manx

Miss Lamb said many pensioners had

seen their dreams of happy and peaceful

retirement on the island shattered by the

bank's collapse. Her loss had been

£30,000 that was to have been the

deposit on a bungalow. "There is no

other answer that I wish to hear from the

Manx government other than one simple

announcement of two simple words to

end this scandal once and for all."Full

refunds" - nothing less will do."

The announcement also said the

the Tynwald resumes on May 15.

Verdict condemns Kingfisher bid

Mergers Commission that Kingfisher should not be

much power and freedom to raise prices.

The MMC consulted Verdict, which yesterday published a report on the electrical retailing sector showing that the combined group would have a market share five times the size of the next largest competitor.

The report said: "This would represent a significant reduction in competition and would allow one dominant retailer too much room to set orices"

It added: "The combination of Comet and Dixons would public would have to pay for week ago.

By Gillian Bowditch

VERDICT, the independent the strategic errors made by market research group, has Britain's leading electrical told the Monopolies and retailers in the 1980s." Mr Richard Hyman, of Verdict, said the MMC bought

allowed to buy Dixons Group. a copy of a previous report the Verdict believes a combina-tion of Dixons and King-tail space. Although the MMC fisher's Comet would form an did not see a copy of yes-electrical retail group with too terday's report while it was preparing its own document. it does know of Verdict's

> Verdict has been quoted by both Dixons and Kingfisher in their submissions to the MMC.

Mr Hyman added that he had no idea what the MMC's report contained, and stressed that Verdict's view on the bid was from a consumer stand-

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, is expected to rule soon on whether King-fisher's £568 million bid should be allowed. He relead to higher prices. The ceived the MMC report a

Accord likely on IMF quotas

From Rodney Lord Washington

AGREEMENT is expected on an increase in resources for the International Monetary Fund, almost two years after the

Other important items on the agenda at the meetings beginning in Washington to-day include the development of the world economy and the effect of German monetary union on inflation, exchange rates and the debt problem.

The finance ministers and central bank governors meeting in Washington will have to tackle three or four interlinked issues to reach agreement on IMF quotas. The most intractable is the question of the relative ranking of Britain and

France.
There is general agreement that Japan should receive a special quota increase, thus moving from fifth to second place. Under the formula proposed by Britain, the UK would fall from second to fourth place, behind the US, Japan and West Germany. This, however, would displace France from fourth to fifth position, which the French are unwilling to accept.

The size of the quota increase has also to be settled. It is likely to be 50 per cent plus or minus a small amount.

The quid pro quo demanded by the US for agreement on a substantial quota increase – albeit only half that demanded by M Michel Camdessus, the IMF managing director, — is a revised and tougher regime for Fund members in arrears over servicing or repaying debts.

The proposed changes to the arrears regime include a shorter period of grace, more bilateral pressure on erring countries and the creation of an intermediate step of suspension before expulsion from the Fund. Carrots for good behaviour will also be introduced, which may in-clude sales of Fund gold.

Whether the agreed increase is a bit more or a bit less than 50 per cent will depend partly on the agreed timing of the next quota increase. If it is a full five years from the agreebe a bit bigger, if it is five years from the date agreement was originally due, it could be less, Once quotas are increased,

access limits to those quotas are likely to be cut. Discussions on the world economy will centre on German monetary union. There is general agreement that the effect of the union is likely to

be inflationary, but there is little agreement on its extent. The discussion of exchange rates at tomorrow's meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial countries is likely to be cursory. Since the Paris meeting a month ago the exchanges have been relatively

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Henry Boot shares up as profit tops £5m

HENRY Boot & Sons, the Sheffield construction and property development group, disclosed a 36 per cent rise in net worth to 597p a share as at December 31. Pre-tax profits for the 1989-90 financial year rose from £3.9 million to £5.36 million, on a turnover of £136.1 million (£153.1 million, restated), and the final dividend is raised to 15p to make 21p (17.5p) for the year. The figures led to a 17p jump in the share

The group says that although some planned 1990 private sector work has been postponed, the civil and engineering workload is holding up well. It will continue to expand its activities within the private housing and property sectors.

for TT bid

TT has gained acceptances covering 1.7 per cent of Crystalate's equity for its £32 million bid, taking the total under its wing to 11.7 per cent. The bid has been extended until 24 May. The announcement followed news that Vishay, a US manufacturer which supplies Crystalate, is considering whether or not to

Acceptances Forward cuts final payout

FORWARD Group, the manufacturer of printed circuit boards, has axed the final dividend after running up a pre-tax loss of £690,000 in the year to end-January. It made £1.44 million profit last year. A 1p dividend was paid at the interim stage. There is a 6.6p loss per share, after exceptional items, com-pared with earnings of 13.6p last time.

Property returns hit

COMMERCIAL property is showing no real return to investors for the first time since 1980. According to the latest monthly update of the index compiled by Richard Ellis, the property agent, the average total return on all forms of property investment is now 6 per cent, compared with inflation at 8.1 per cent.

In April capital values for all forms of commercial property fell, retail values leading the way with a drop of 1.3 per cent in a month. Rents continue to show real growth with average rents increasing by 11.1 per cent, although this has dropped off sharply in the last six months.

Axa eyes American

AXA-Midi Assurances, the ROBERT Fleming's sale of French insurer, said it is ready to consider the acsurance group said this week that it was for sale and that Axa-Midi could be a prospective bidder. Last month Axa-Midi ended an attempt to buy Farmers Group in the

Invergordon in demand

shares in Invergordon Distillers Group was overquisition of American Gen- subscribed - but only just. eral Corp but has taken no Of the 30.5 million offered decision yet. The US in- to the public, applications were received for 32.3 million. A similar number was placed with institutions. Investors seeking up to 250,000 shares will have their applications met in full, Others will be scaled down.

Intercare acquisition INTERCARE, the Third Market health group, is buying

North West Ostomy Group for £565,000, to be met by a placing of 776,000 ordinary shares at 58p which will raise £450,000. The vendors will take £115,000 of the consideration in the form of shares. The company is also raising £200,000 through the issue of 345,000 shares and existing

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Intercare, which is to move to the USM, made a pre-tax loss of £108,000, down from a profit of £200,000, for the year to October 1989. Sales fell from £1.23 million to £1.18 million and the loss per ordinary share was 1.9p compared with earnings of 4.9p. There is no dividend. Shares in the

STOCK MARKET

US demand sends Reuters 32p closer to peak price

Street sent Reuters 32p ahead to £11.30. The shares are climbing back to the £11.59 peak reached a month ago, with almost half the company now in American hands. One bullish dealer in

London, said: "It's the Americans who really take the ball and run. It ought to be an American stock, on at least an American rating."

He was encouraged by the company's continuing growth prospects. Other recent news perceived as good from Reu-ters was the appointment of the former head of Merrill Lynch's Canada operation to run the Instinct automated share trading operation. Ultimately, bullish dealers dream of a wave of Japanese buying to match that on Wall Street

The unexpectedly good news for the Government from the polling booths had the market in sparkling form in early trading, bolstered by the latest opinion poll suggesting a recovery for the Conservatives and news mid-morning that the Government had held Westminster, the third of the three crucial seats, and the

second to go its way.
The FT-SE 100 index was 24.7 points ahead at 2,159.6 by 4pm, after a high of 2,168.0 mid-morning, and the FT index of 30 shares was 20.9 higher at 1,697.5. The strength much as % of a point.

Volume traded on Seaq was high at 409.8 million shares, but the impending bank holiday meant that most of the trade had been done by the taking an early break.

The dull afternoon hours

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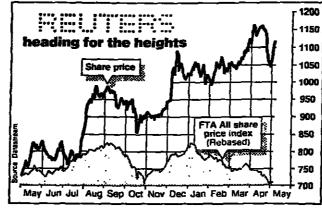
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RECENT ISSUES



were enlivened by speculation victory. that Shearson Lehman Hutton would be the next big American securities house to prune shire, up 8p at 152p, Anglian, its London operations, after unchanged at 151p, and reports from the US that it was Thames, 1/2 p higher at 1321/2p. seeking to change its name. A

Other privatization shares Shearson spokesman in Lon- were also in demand. British don categorically denied any Gas advanced 81/2p to 2021/2p Coloroli shares continued to collapse as fears grew for the future of the retinancing package being put together by SG Warburg. The price fell another 2½p to 8p, at which level the group is capitalized at less than £16 million, having seen more than a

It favours in particular

Wessex, up 6p at 148p. York-

Shares in Heywood Wil-

liams, the glass and alum-

inium specialist, rose 4p on

continued speculation that Pilkington, a supplier, might consider a bid. HW came to

life after the £96 million link

between St Gobain and

Solaglass, a leading British

distributor. Pilkington shares

gained 3p to 194p, which, after

a share split and scrip issue,

are still comfortably ahead of

planned cut-back in any of its ahead of finals on May 3! markets after the last round of Nomura is advising a switch blood-letting in March. into Gas from leading oil groups. BAA shares were up

third wined off its net worth this week.

Privatization issues were 3p at 385p, and British Telecom, reporting on May inevitably favoured. Doubts about the political health of the Conservatives have taken 24, gained 5p to 259p. their toll, not least on water

The latter recovered sharply of sterling sent gilts up by as as Hoare Govett, the broker, continued its hard sell of the sector on yield grounds. The water package rose 45p to £14.18. Hoare Govett does not believe a Labour administration would renationalize, afternoon, with many dealers and is in any event basing its strategy on its expectation of a fourth Conservative election

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its abortive takeover attempt. Stanley Miller, the New-castle-based housebuilder, collapsed 30p to 20p before being suspended at that level pending clarification of its financial position. The shares were as high as 336p a year ago, before a profits warning, the depara profits warning, the departure of a director after only nine months, and the exit of its biggest shareholder. The latest worries centre around its quayside development in Newcestle reportedly hit by Amis Newcastle, reportedly hit by industrial trouble.

An ungracious market pushed Storehouse 4p higher to 105p on news of the impending departure of Sir Terence Conran, its chairman. His successor, Mr Ian Hay Davison, is also a director of Chloride, where Mercurius, the Swedish group, announced the purchase of another 2 million shares, taking its holding to 15.82 per cent. The shares rose 1/2p to 34p.

Tottenham Hotspur remained in the news, after the resignation of Mr Robert Holt, its chief executive, this week. The Abingdon Management Company, headed by hostile investor Mr Guy Libby, has increased its holding to 5.47 per cent. The shares were unchanged at 91p.

An old favourite did the rounds, as bid speculation flared up again at Granada, up 6p at 236p. The supposed predator is Rank Organization, which gained 9p to 774p on the back of recent favourable circulars.

TSB advanced 1p to 132p as it put its Target offshoot up

Martin Waller

COMPANY BRIEFS

BMSS (Fin) Pro-tax: £1.73m (£1.49m) EPS: 16.2p (16p) Div: 2.5p mkg 4.375p DELYN PACKAGING (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.61m (£0.76m) EPS: 5.01p (6.33p) Div: 1p mkg 1.45p

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Div: 0.75p (nil) WORTH INV. TRUST Pre-tax: £154,000 EPS: 0.58p (0.29p LPS) Div: 0.12p (0.4p)

Last year's total dividend was 4n. Company said it is satisfied with the results as 1989 was a difficult year for builders' merchants.

Last year's total dividend was 1.45p. Interest costs rise to £554,000 (£93,000), after company installed PVC film-producing facility. Profits include an exceptional gain

of £437,000 from a property sale. There is an extraordinary loss of £44,000. Tumover £8.91m (£4.92m).

Figures are for 7 months, compared with a year. Last year's pre-tax loss was £25,000. Special dividend of 0.15p. Net asset value 64.5p (65.4p).

WALL STREET

Early advance for Dow pected 5.2 per cent. The Dow SHARES advanced after news Jones industrial average was

5.4 per cent, against an ex- 2,946.97.

of a gain of only 64,000 in the 5.86 points ahead at 2,702.03 number of non-farm jobs in in early trade, and gaining April. The figure surprised issues held a narrow lead over Wall Street, which had ex- declining shares. pected a gain of 382,500. The ● Hong Kong unemployment rate reached

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Europe	730.2	0.7	-4.0	1.0	-4.1	1.6	-1.4
(free)	157.3	0.7	-3.8	0.7	-4.0	1.6	-1.2
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Pacific	2768.5	-1.3	-30.2	0.0	-21.4	-0.4	-28.3
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Australia	289.4	-1.5	-16,7	-0.5	-10.4	-0.6	-14.4
Austria	1885.0	0.4	26.8	1.3	29.6	1.3	30.3
Belgium	909.6	-0.2	-7.6	0.1	-8.0	0.7	-5.1
Canada	494,4	-0.9	-17.7	~0 .1	-14.9	0.0	-15.4
Denmark	1308.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-1.5	0.6	2.1
Finland	98.3	-0.2	-14.7	0.3	-14.3	0.7	-12.4
(free)	134.1	-1.0	-10.1	-0.5	-9 .6	-0.1	-7.6
France	844.0	0.0	4.4	0.4	4.1	0.9	7.2
Germany	970.9	1.7	5.8	2.1	7.5	2.6	8.7
Hong Kong	2261.8	-1.1	2.0	-0.2	4.6	-0.2	4.7
Italy	384.7	0.4	-0.2	8.0	-0.9	1.3	2.5
Japan	4217.0	-1.3	-31.6	0.0	-22.6	-0.5	-29.8
Netherlands	871.1	0.0	-7.9	0.3	-6.8	0.9	-5.4
New Zealand	84.8	-0.2	-17.7	8.0	-12.2	0.7	-15.5
Norway	1501.0	-1.5	11.8	-1.0	13.0	-0.6	14.9
(free)	263.5	-1.3	12.8	-0.9	14.0	-0.5	15.9
Sing/Malay	1850.0	0.4	-7.3	1.2	-6.0	1.3	-4.7
Spain	215.6	-0.3	-8.9	0.0	-10.5	0.6	-6.4
Sweden	1618.4	0.1	~7.7	0.7	-7.0	1.0	~5.2
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UK	639.1	1.0	-11.4	1.0	-11.4	1.9	-8.9
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DTI inquiry into takeover was 'unfair and cavalier'

THE Department of Trade inquiry into Guinness's £2.7 identified four areas of continuous to say 'look, Mr Howard, this newspapers in the first week. It was particularly annoying to the first week. It was particularly annoying to the first week. billion takeover of Distillers confidential payments, and was described as being "unfair and cavalier" in a letter to a conservative minimum and cavalier in a letter to a conservative minimum and cavalier in a letter to a nest Saunders, the former pany," said Mr Taylor. Conservative minister, Southwark Crown Court heard.

The letter, to Mr Michael Howard, was prepared by far as he was concerned, there Freshfields, the then Guinness had been no wrong-doing and "Ernest Saunders said, as he did not know why the

Mr Ian Taylor, a solicitor inspectors were appointed," with the firm, told how it was he said. felt the announcement of the DTI inquiry sparked specula- evidence, said he was given tion damaging to the compa-ny's share prices.

He also agreed that there was political pressure on the Government

Mr Taylor told the court he

Guinness

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dips 14%

By Neit Bennett Banking Correspondent

GUINNESS Mahon, the mer-

Japanese Bank of Yokohama. The half-time dividend, how-

The fall was caused by the

its. In the first half last year the sale of land in ickenham made more than £500,000. Mr Geoffrey Bell, chairman,

said the bank had taken a

cautious view of the property

market, which traditionally

makes up a large part of the

Film finance did well, with

the bank backing productions

like My Left Foot and Scan-

dal, and post-tax profits on the

banking side edged up 7 per

Guinness Mahon was taken

over by Yokohama last sum-

mer in the wake of the collapse

of Equincorp in New Zealand,

the bank's previous owner.

Yokohama now owns 65 per

cent of the shares, while other

Japanese insurers and manu-

facturers hold 12 per cent. Mr

Robert Maxwell still has a 9

Since the takeover, the two

banks are planning joint ven-

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Guinness chief, after the DTI inspectors were appointed.

Mr Taylor, recalled to give

the impression Mr Saunders knew what he was talking The letter to Mr Howard

was never sent "The thrust of the letter was

cern, including £25 million of is a quasi-judicial inquiry and It was particularly annoying to

In December, Freshfields was replaced by Kingsley Napley, the solicitor.

At a meeting with Mr Saunders on December 15, 1986, he said Freshfields understood the focus of the inquiry was linked to purchasers of Guinness and Distillers shares and guarantees and deposits.

Mr John Chadwick, QC, prosecuting, asked if by that date the areas of concern had been identified.

"You could read that in the

me you could not get that information from the inspectors but could spend 30p on The Times and read it," Mr Taylor said.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, defending Mr Saunders, asked if there was political pressure on the Government "criticizing (it) for being allegedly soft on white collar crime in the City.

Mr Taylor agreed. M Mr Saunders, aged 54, and three others variously deny 24 counts including theft, false accounting, and breaches of

the Companies Act. The trial continues

UK hotel is first overseas venture for Rosewood



Going for the top end of quality: Atef Mankarios at the St George's Hospital site

five-star hotel planned in the former St George's Hospital building at London's Hyde Park Gate (Derek Harris

they take a long view," said Mr Bell. "We have done deals The 94-bedroom hotel. together but these things take million development, includtime to develop and we all

recognize that.' Pre-tax profits at the nonbanking division slumped by two-thirds to £265,000, due to A group of international investors, Goodwill Nominees, is backing the scheme. the lack of property sales, but there was a 98 per cent surge in profits from asset management, where the group stop-

ped the losses at Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker. There was also a turnaround to a £170,000 profit in the securities trading com-panies, after a £172,000 loss

Burmah expands in Germany

By Wolfgang Münchau

BURMAH Oil's West German subsidiary, Castrol, has bought Optimol Olwerke Industrie, a supplier of speci-ality greases for DM52 million (£19 million).

Burmah said it strengthens the company's position in continental Europe. The deal is an important step into high margin specialist sectors of the industrial lubricants market.

Optimol's products include gear oils, synthetic lubricants and additives, which are sold to industrial customers.

Two-thirds of Optimol's DM52 million turnover is sold within West Germany. The rest is exported to Eastern Europe, the EC and North America. Optimol employs a staff of 175 in Munich.

About DM42 million of the purchase price will be paid on a deferred basis until 1994.

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ROSEWOOD Hotels, which able premises — is available. and then sold). There is an boasts the Hotel Bel-Air in Berlin or Frankfurt are also hotel in Tokyo with which it Los Angeles among its prop- high on the the Rosewood

Mr Atef Mankarios is a long-time hotelier and handson manager, who has created several individual hotels noted for their level of service. whose character is closely tied which forms part of a £200 to their environment.

Rosewood has been backed ing an office tower, is due to since 1979 by Miss Caroline open in the summer of next Hunt through the asset-rich Caroline Hunt Trust Estate set up by the Hunt family.

The Rosewood operation, whose name is never used as a It is Rosewood's first venbrand for its hotels, has four ture outside America, and its properties in and around Dallas, Texas, where the company first move in a drive to establish itself in key cities is based.

around the world. It manages the Hotel Bel-Paris is likely to be next if Air (which it owned and then the right development - either sold), as well as the Hana- of secur greenfield or existing adapt- Maui in Hawaii (also built up he said.

has a marketing association, Mr Mankarios said: "If we had gone for volume rather

than the top end of quality we would have had 30 hotels by now. We particularly wanted to be in London. New York and Washington are other strong possibilities. Worldwide I would look to 12 to 15 properties altogether.'

Mr Mankarios, who has been accustomed to seeing royalty, captains of industry, international stature politicians and top entertainers coming through the door of the group's hotels, claims the highest repeat bookings factor in the industry.

"It is what makes sense now of securing a world presence,"

Greene King in £15m deal

rs, reducing the total from

with public houses by buying 87 outlets from Allied-Lyons' Ind Coope subsidiary for £15.25 million.

Most of the public houses are outside the M25 in a broad sweep from Kent to Oxfordshire, linking up with Greene King's existing estate in East Anglia and the northern Home Counties.

Allied denied that the disposals were connected with the recommendations by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the big brewing groups reduce their involvement in beer retailing.

8,000 to 6,500. All but one of the properties is freehold and Allied said the relatively low price of £175,000 per outlet reflected the fact that all but four were tenanted.

They were second line out-lets in areas where Ind Coope was over-represented. King managing director, said the brewery had wanted to

Mr Tim Bridge, the Greene expand south of the Thames and had opened a depot in Tunbridge Wells just before Christmas to serve its free The group has been selling trade customers in the area.

GREENE King has achieved public houses at a rate of two He added that the low price its aim of circling London or three a week for several reflected events in the property market over the past year, as well as the depressing effect of the Monopolies Commission report on the prices of

The purchase will be the first batch of public houses bought by Greene King for some years, boosting its estate from 750 to 840 outlets. The deal will be financed by borrowings, leaving the bal-ance sheet with gearing of 20 per cent.

In March, Elders placed its 13 per cent stake in Greene King, ending speculation that the Australian brewer would launch a bid for the company.

f the age of Thatcherism is drawing to a close, industry's officer class will remember it for the boom years, the curbing of trade union power; freedom from income, dividend and foreign exchange controls; a vast improvement in their own pay and pensions; and - with perhaps less enthusiasm - competition against free market forces. For her part, Mrs

Thatcher may wonder how much, net, industry gave in return. In its own inimitable way, the Confederation of British Industry, taking a day off to celebrate 25 years trying to compete with the Trade Union Congress conference, provided an answer. According to the director general, John Banham, "many of us have become a little bit complacent. We gave too much of the fruits of productivity growth in wages rather than achieving internationally acceptable profit lev-

In other words "many of us" have not made the investment in plant and skills we ought to have done; our industrial strategy has remained more or less the same; and now that the boom years have given way to mild recession, "many of us" are having to react as we have always done: laying off people and cutting investment to contain the (selfinflicted) damage to costs and profit margins of high wage awards. The evidence of fundamental change in many British companies may be largely an illusion.

Not, of course, in all. This week ICI, conventionally seen in the City as the country's industrial barometer, reported first quarter profit figures which though 6 per cent lower were well ahead of analysts' forecasts. The reaction in the ICI share price and the equity market as a whole was instantly Looking beyond the figures, which

most analysts don't do, the story is



Management must shoulder

ICI's successful management of change, in making the business international and more diverse, and reducing the relative importance of the UK market as a source of earnings. In the pharmaceutical sector, ICI is by no means alone: Glaxo and Welfcome are other outstanding examples. You can find them also in electronics, retailing and service industries. The problems lie mainly in engineering where the first chill breezes of recession are again causing screams of pain. Management

is chiefly to blame.

The sharpest commentary on British management so far this year is Ford of America's decision to switch the £225 million investment in new enginemaking capacity from Bridgend in South Wales to the Cologne plant in West Germany.

Published reasons for changing track were the unreliability of supplies from British factories, which have been hit by severe "industrial action" twice in three years, and changes in European Community exhaust emission regulations. Ford also saw the opportunity of catching the tide of reliable labour from East Germany. But, at bottom, the men in Detroit do not have sufficient confidence in UK management to handle the business in an expanding European

Labour accounts for no more than 5 per cent of Ford's costs. As for disruption, the Japanese motor manufacturers who have chosen the UK as their European base have no qualms about dealing with UK labour. The

Japanese, who are certain eventually to dominate the UK domestic market, are here primarily to compete for a significant share of the Continental European market. Ford, now much less concerned with the UK, is similarly focused on Europe and believes that it makes sense to leap-frog the Japanese by putting new plant on the Continent, not here where the disadvantages, in Ford's experience, are greater.

Roland Smith, chairman of British Aerospace, who gave the 25th CBI annual lecture, said in suitably professorial tones on Monday that to succeed in a competitive international environment, British companies would have to develop "premium products from intensive research programmes.

This is not as easy as it may sound in country where government competition policy is geared to satisfying the interests of individual consumers who have votes. Companies have responded to what they perceive as excessive competition (and also to the instant performance measures of the stock market and the herd of prowling predators) with short-term decisions on investment and product research. They are quick to cut both.

Actually, it is worse than that. There is still not a widespread conviction among British companies that technology really matters. Rather than exploiting technology for profit they prefer, when push comes to shove, to cut costs and sell assets. These attitudes reflect the shortage of trained, high-quality people in management.

We do not have armies of technocrats that in West Germany and Japan know how to utilize technology to develop products that can sustain the business over a long period, through changing trading conditions. We have troops of MBAs, a class now being slaughtered in the US for their failure to counter the invading Japanese.

Confucius may have the right idea

The average Singapore taxi driver knows four things about Britain: (in descending order) Margaret Thatcher, Rolls-Royce, Manchester United and Land-Rover. In terms of their perceptions, foreign speculators and investors in sterling and other UK assets would exclude only Manchester United.

The City, like the rest of the country, has been awash with speculation about the Prime Minister's involuntary departure for the delights of Dulwich, to be replaced by a charismatic leader in the manly shape of Michael Heseltine. The rest of the world cannot under-stand the logic, but foreign opinion is heavily influenced by what the City thinks and tells them is true. Some close observers believe the decision about Mrs Thatcher's future will be made within the next three weeks. It may, of course, be a decision in favour of her staying to fight the next election.

May is undoubtedly a difficult month but it has started better for the Government than pundits and pollsters predicted. The local council elections will temper, at least for a time, the feeling that for the Tories all is lost. The remaining hurdles are the Retail Price Index next week, which may have gone above a morale-sapping 10 per cent, and the next set of trade figures. After the local election results, these can be taken more comfortably.

The mood in the equity market which improved earliest in the week after the ICI figures, does not suggest a wave of selling.

The old saw "sell in May and go away" is not always reliable. But I suspect we may not see much of a climb from the FT-SE danger level of 2,100, below which, the chartists say, there is a black hole.

Mrs Thatcher's Government is tired, the Thatcherite force within the Cabinet has almost evaporated and ministers are accident prone - all this against a background of heavy pay settlements, discouraging public opinion polls and the sound of companies crashing.

Confucius's words are probably right for the season: "He who catches falling knives will cut his hands." Putting it more crudely, while share prices re-main under pressure why take the risk of bleeding? Risk-free deposits paying up to 15 per cent are unbeatable by any equity in the short term. If the next iblished RPI figure is read as the peak of the current inflation cycle, it might make sense to "lock in" high returns by switching from deposits into highyielding gilts.

TSB plans to publish review

By Our Banking Correspondent

THE TSB Group is expected to demand greater co-opera-tion between TSB Trust Company and Hill Samuel Life, its two remaining life assurance companies, after the disposal of Target Life which it confirmed on Thursday.

The group will publish de-

tails of a review of its invest-

ment services division next week after holding meetings with staff to discuss changes. The review, agreed by the main board last week, is thought to suggest a partial merger of the Trust Company's and Hill Samuel's administration and computer facilities. Some redundancies are also expected, although a spokesman stressed these would be far less than the

ing division last year.

The Trust Company will continue to sell its policies through the branch network, while Hill Samuel Investment Services will remain a quality retail savings group.

5,000 announced at the bank-

TSB is set to make a loss of more than £100 million on the sale of Target which it ac-quired for £227 million in August, 1987. Analysts estimate the disposal will raise between £120 million and £150 million.

Hill Samuel, TSB's merchant bank, has contacted about 20 potential buyers for Target, Each is being asked to make an initial offer.

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Invitation to the **Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, 12th June 1990, at the Jahrhunderthalle Hoechst, Frankfurt am Main

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Accounts and situation report of Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft for 1989, with the Report of the Supervisory Board, and the Hoechst Group Accounts and situation report for 1989

2. Allocation of the profit available for dividend

It is proposed to pay a dividend of DM 13.- per share of DM 50.- nominal for the financial year 1989.

3. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Management for 1989 4. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board

5. Election of auditors for the financial year 1990

The full agenda, including the proposed resolutions, is contained in the Bundesanzeiger no. 83 of 4th May, 1990.

Shareholders wishing to be present and to vote at the Meeting must comply with Article 14 of the Articles of Association and deposit their share certificates during usual business hours by Tuesday, 5th June 1990, at the latest until after the Meeting, at one of the depositories listed in the Bundesanzeiger no. 83 of 4th May 1990, or, in the United Kingdom, at the offices of

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> Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft Frankfurt am Main, May 1990

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

EUROPEAN consumer groups have complained that credit card users remain under-protected against theft and negligence, and that European Community measures imposed on card-issuers in 1988 have been toothless.

The Bureau of European Consumers' Unions gave warning that unless the Commission forced banks, other financial institutions and retailers to carry greater liability for the credit cards they issue, "consumers are going to lose total confidence in the approaching single

Eager to defend the Commission's consumer credentials, Mr Karel Van Miert, the EC Commissioner responsible, reacted swiftly to the accusations. He admitted that card-issuers had been flouting the EC recommendations and promised to assess the chance of drafting legally binding rules instead. The bu-

reau's concern stems from a survey carried out by the Dutch group, Consumerentenbond, into 190 credit card contracts on offer in different EC

Consumer groups hit at weak protection measures

EC credit card rules under fire

West Germans enjoy the greatest protection, followed by British cardholders, while the Mediterranean countries are singled out for criticism. But even so, Britain falls far short of EC

standards, according to the results. Not one bank or retailer, for example, respects EC demands that the issuer and not the cardbolder should carry the burden of proof if a card is stolen and

used by someone else. Card issuers in all EC countries fail to accept liability in the case of a faulty credit card transaction, again in breach of EC standards, according to the survey. In seven out of twenty British cases,

the issuer failed to limit the holder's

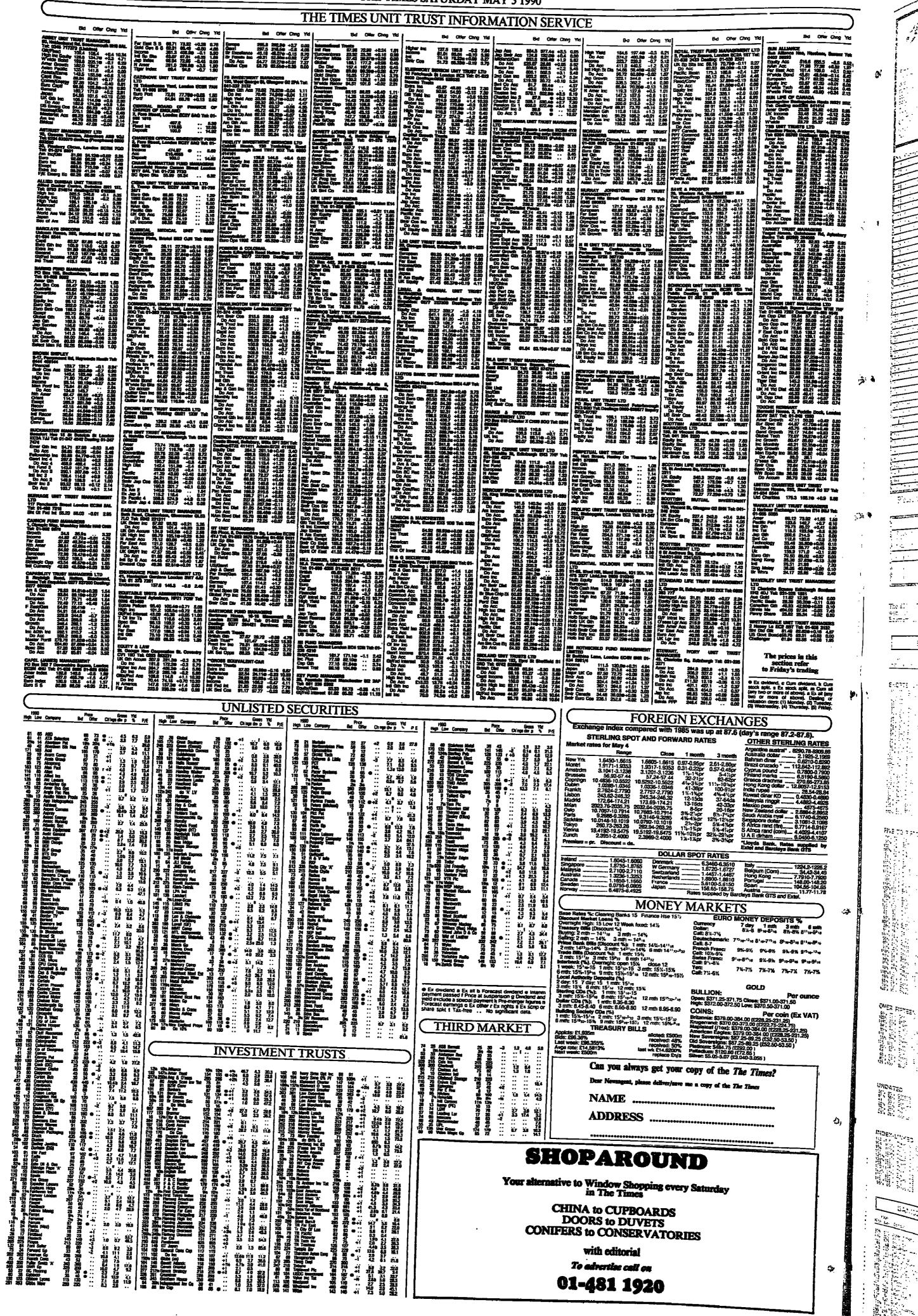
liability to £110, as requested by the EC,

worst offenders appear to be retailers, who offer little or no protection at all. In 58 out of 95 cases, the issuer failed to assume liability even after being notified of loss or theft, although Britain's record here is fairly clean. The bureau maintains that Brussels

nity's powerful banking lobby when it decided to scrap a planned EC directive in favour of a set of non-binding recommendations. Bankers are pushing to have these further diluted into a Code of Best Practice, which would mean an even greater decline in consumer protection,

was too easily swayed by the Commu-

the Bureau adds. Brussels is now under increased pressure to keep its word after promising two years ago to provide binding rules if card issuers failed to follow its recommendations after one year.



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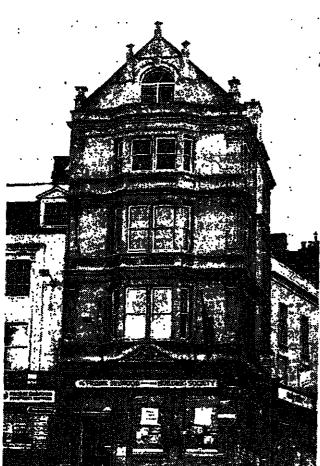
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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

Building society merger battle claims its first victim

Frome chief suspended



Contested: one of Frome's two branches up for merger

By Jon Ashworth

INVESTORS in Target, the life assurance and pensions

group, have learned it is to be

sold by the TSB because it no

longer fits its in with its other

But Target, which was bought by the TSB only in

1987, says it will be "business

as usual" as far as its 320,000

The sale of Target has been

seen as inevitable ever since

another TSB purchase, the

Hill Samuel life and pensions

group, in 1987. The two were

made within three months of

unitholders are concerned.

THE battle for the tiny Frome a bonus of 21 per cent on their Stroud offer as it had a policy said he had not been told why society intensified this week with a board announcement that Mr Jim Marshall, its chief executive, had been sus-

Another mailing has also been sent out to the 14,600 investors and borrowers in the

£47 million society.

The Frome, which is the subject of the first contested building society merger, has recommended amalgamation with the Strond & Swindon. This would pay a 2 per cent bonus to savers, while the much larger Cheltenham & Gloucester has offered 3 per

has two branches and less than 2,000 mortgages on its books, the battle is being watched closely by other building societies who fear it is setting the standard for future mergers,

Members will expect large bonuses and may vote down proposed mergers where none

In the case of societies with high reserve asset ratios investors could virtually requisition the winding up of the society. At the National Counties, with a reserve assets ratio of 21 per cent, the highest of all societies, members could win

Mr Paul Taylor, Target's sion. A management buy-out analysts say it would be lucky

was not being contemplated.

Target has been most

successful in the sale of unit-

expanded into pensions, unit

trusts and savings plans. It has 200,000 life assurance policy-

holders, and 100,000 pension

clients. Total premium in-

come in the year to September

1989 was £212 million, of

which £53.6 million was new

The sale is just another

annual premiums.

and the rest of the TSB Insur-ance and Investment Divi-paid £227 for the group, but

linked life assurance, but has sell a range of unit-linked

TSB announces sale of Target

managing director, said a sale

had always been the most

ing fund managers, would stay

on, and there was no reason

why investors would be af-

"This has cleared the un-

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much better for us to continue

separately than to be inte-

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Directors and staff, includ-

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fected, he said.

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in the board.

Merger, has collected more

than 50 signatures to requi-

sition a vote of no confidence

The society has turned

down the demand because its

rules required 23 days' notice

when the members gave 20.

Also, the group had not enclosed the necessary £10 for

be placed on the agenda of the

special meeting on Thursday

weekand were not requisition

merger to go ahead without

the support of a chief

completed its merger with

C&G despite its chief exec-

The Guardian has recently

ing a separate meeting.

executive.

Selwood Permanent building savings if it were wound up. Mr Marshall has been suspended on full pay pending an investigation and disciplinary hearing. Neither Mr Marshall nor the society would comment, but it is understood he is accused of supporting the C&G offer.

The Frome, which needs to win the support of 75 per cent of the people who vote for the Stroud merger to go ahead, this week took the unusual move of sending out a further members' letter from Mr Roy Walwin, its chairman.

Mr Walwin had already put the society's argument in fa-vour of the Stroud merger in Although the Frome only the documents sent to voting members at the end of last

> accompanied by one from Mr Hilary Daniel, a director, and another from all the directors. Mr Walwin's letter stated that the directors had not been influenced in recommending the Stroud offer to members

> by "personal considerations." The C&G had also offered to set up a local board of the existing directors, which had only been withdrawn after the the directors' vote had gone against them.

to get half as much today.

Target, which relies on a

large network of tied agents to

products, has been criticized

for its investment perfor-

mance. Target Australian and

Target Gold & General are

two of the worst performing

unit trusts available in Britain.

An investment of £100 in

Target Australian five years

ago would now be worth

utive resigning in protest.

Mr Marshall, who is not a The board supported the member of the society's board,

he had been suspended. In his to confine its operations "to a absence, Mr Richard Payne, part of England it knows well the chief executive of the Stroud & Swindon is already acting as Frome spokesman. For the merger to go ahead 75 per cent of members who The letter from the whole

board states that none of the 22 staff will be made vote must be in favour. If it The second mailing will fails, however, the Frome's have cost the Frome an addiboard is not compelled to put the rival C&G offer to the tional £10,000 to £15,000. A local protest group, the Campaign Against the Stroud membership.

• Members of the Peckham society voted this week in favour of its proposed merger with the C&G. In this case the members will receive a bonus of 0.75 per cent next month. The merger won 92 per cent support.



Suspended: Jim Marshall

each member signing, as they were calling for extra item to It is not unknown for a

Societies 'fail to help borrowers in arrears' each other, leading analysts to strategic fit between Target which changed hands four point to TSB's apparent lack and the rest of the TSB Insur-times during the 1980s. TSB

By Our Family Money Staff

It called on the societies to get in touch with borrowers earlier, and has urged the Government to make the system of dealing with arrears less intimidating.

The NCC said the societies were failing to reach borrowers who had fallen behind with their payments, even though this was their aim. It

BUILDING societies are not said the first time many doing enough to help bor- borrowers met their society rowers who fall behind on about arrears was in court their mortgage payments, says when it was often too late to the National Consumer reschedule payments or find a

Lady Wilcox, the NCC chairman, said that families were losing their homes in court hearings that last just 90 seconds on average.

There was not enough time to hear evidence of financial circumstances or assess whether families were in a position to pay arrears, she

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Two years after the Securities and Investments

Board was set up to protect the interests of small investors, 56 firms still await final authorization to conduct business. In the meantime, investors

continue to be kept in the dark

BY EARLY summer the City ments Board - but their watchdogs set up two years ago should be handing out final approvals or rejections to investment firms still seeking

ment business they originally have applied to join. applied to do.

February 28, 1988, they have central register. Individual interim authorization from watchdogs are barred from the Securities and Invest- elaborating.

investors have no compensation cover if they fail.

All investors can find out directly from the regulators Until then, the 56 firms are firms is the name of the selfabout free to continue in the invest-

applied to do.

So long as they applied the unhelpful note on interim authorized entries in the SIB's

Investors group appeals for help in cash crisis

By Jon Ashworth

THE Garston Amhurst investors' group is facing a cash crisis - just 10 weeks after it was formed to fight for clients of the collapsed insurance agent. It has appealed to its

members to donate more cash to help pay £45,000 in legal and administrative costs.

Investors had earlier pledged £15,000 towards ongoing costs, but more funds are needed. It has threatened to take legal action against the TSB, which was ultimately responsible for the failed insurance agent, if full compensation is not paid to investors.

Mr David Shaw, Conservative MP for Dover, told investors at the House of Commons this week that the TSB had pledged £600,000 to help Garston Amhurst promote itself, and had a moral duty to make amends. The TSB has agreed to pay £30,000 in compensation to some investors, but Mr Shaw said this did not go far enough.

"The TSB has a responsibility to produce a just, fair and morally responsible solution," he said.

More than 300 investors lost nearly £3 million between them when Garston Amhurst Shaw said the TSB has a duty to compensate them in full.

He urged investors who have lost money to write to their MPs, saying they had lost money in a situation where the TSB had considerable responsibility for monitoring

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the TSB chairman, said in a letter to Mr Shaw that it would be misleading to think that every investor who dealt with the bank should be able to claim.

The National Financial TSB offshoot which authorsaid it will make temporary £160,000 to 24 investors.



Letters: David Shaw MP

whether a firm is allowed to

hold clients' money or is barred from doing so. Information from Companies House records and the firms themselves may also be of limited use, to judge from Family Money's random spot-

Klenner Securities, with a Munich, West Germany, address, appears on the interim authorized list as having applied to join Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Asso-

The Companies House file shows that Klenner Securities was incorporated in October 1987 with a registered office in London W8.

But a Department of Trade and Industry notice on the file dated April 3, 1990, gives a warning that "unless cause is shown to the contrary, at the expiration of three months from the above date the name of Klenner Securities will be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved."

A Companies House

spokeswoman said that Klenner Securities had failed to file any documents since incorporation and had also not answered any letters. She explained that it would

need to file accounts to December 1988 and an annual return for 1989 to avoid being struck off.

Contacted in Munich, Mr

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outstanding documents would

be taken care of. He said Fimbra had told him there would be a decision soon "whatever this means," but refused to discuss the reasons for the delay, apart from saying: "They don't discuss things with me the way I want."

"I really won't comment until I have the decision in front of me," he added.

Mr Klenner said that his company was still trading in Britain, describing the busi-ness as "investment banking," but he refused to say how many clients it has.
"Why should I?" he said.

He expected to be waiting to of Rockefeller is shown as hear from Fimbra for perhaps another four weeks. Another Fimbra applicant investment services, but pay-

Peter Klenner said that the is Rockefeller & Company ing \$610,000 to its parent Limited which was incortowards personnel costs. Its porated in Delaware, United net income was \$56,568.

States, in June 1987 with offices in London and Hong In New York, Dr William Pounds, the president and chief executive officer of 5600 According to its Companies Inc. who is also a director of House file, Rockefeller is a Rockefeller & Co Limited, wholly-owned subsidiary of said that the company did no Rockefeller & Co Inc. a reginvestment business with the istered investment adviser public in Britain. with the Securities and Ex-

All its dealings were for members of the family of John change Commission, the US watchdog. D. Rockefeller, the late oil This company in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of 5600 Inc, which is owned by a

A London representative of Rockefeller & Co said that the company did not need authormembers" of the Rockefeller ization, but had applied in case it decided to take on In 1988, the London office British clients at some time in the distant future. having received \$1 million

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Non-taxpayers can take their pick of three gross-paying accounts which became available to savers this week. Taxsaver, an instant access savings account from the Abbey National, defers payment of interest until May 1991, when composite rate tax will have been abolished. It pays a top rate of 13 per cent gross on between £10,000 and £20,000. The Leeds Permanent Building Society has aunched Tax Free Gold, a three-months' notice account,

residents. The Maxim Two account targeted at non-taxpayers has a maximum of £20,000. The first interest will be paid on May 1, 1991, and the second will be made on maturity of £1,142.

the two-year account. ■ One of the highest savings rates available - 16 per cent Management Corporation, the before tax - is being offered by the Learnington Spa Buildized Garston Amhurst, has ing Society. The Spa Bond is a limited offer which fixes the "hardship payments" of interest rate at 16 per cent for one year. The rate for tax-

ment is £5,000 and the maximum is £500,000.

■ Credit Commercial de France (CCF), the French bank, is to pay £18.75 million for a 25 per cent stake in Framlington, the British unit trust group. CCF plans to purchase a further 26 per cent from Throgmorton, the Framlington, in April 1991. It is hoped that the deal will bring new stability to the paying 13.75 per cent on group, which lost several key £10,000. Overseas Gold offers employees after it was taken and has lost 11 fund managers

■ The Strond and Swindon in the past year. Building Society has launched Savers have put £28 mila two-year gross-paying ac- hon into investment trust count with a guaranteed rate savings schemes so far this of interest of 14.5 per cent. year - nearly half as much again as the total for 1989. requires a minimum invest- More than 50,000 people put ment of £2,000 and as it is an average of £62 into the plans each month. The number of lump sum investors has risen from 35,000 to 46.613. investing an average of

> River & Mercantile, the fund manager, has launched three new personal equity plans to complete its range. The Equity and Investment Trust Growth Pep and the River & Mercantile Trust are both aiming for capital growth, Investments are

of three income Peps, three per cent net if six months' balanced Peps and a growth notice is given. If regular £3,000 or £6,000 as a lump income is drawn, the best net sum or £250 a month. The rate is 11.55 per cent. The society will also grant mort-Managed Growth Pep combines the two for £6,000 as a gages on the purchase of land lump sum or £500 a month. for self-build homes. The initial charge is 3.75 per Chase cent, and there is an annual (Homeloans) is offering a

charge of 1 per cent. ■ Prolific has introduced a range of Peps which can be linked to three of its unit trusts. Investors have a choice Pep. One of the income Peps pays income gross six times a year, making it attractive to pensioners. The Peps are Special Situations unit trusts and I per cent annually.

Midland Bank has relaunched its HomePlan household insurance scheme in a simpler form. Premiums are now based on postcode and number of bedrooms to make it easier to work out the cost. Up to £35,000 is available in cover. Premiums on a three-bedroom house vary from £8.91 in Taunton to £19

■ The Bradford & Bingley Building Society has introduced an account for small savers. The amount of interest paid depends on withdrawals. The top rate of interest is 12.1

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But as she acknowledged, the plan is simply a life policy, so all it provides is a cash sum - ranging from £341 to £11,560 - when the policy-holder dies. There is no guar-antee that the money will cover a funeral by that time and no offer to help to make

funeral packages standardized in different ways, plus a However, the AA has been number of optional extras. looking into providing a full At the Co-operative Whole-sale Society's Funeral Services Group, Mr Bruce McDougall, the chief executive, emphafuneral package for some time and is soon to start talks with undertakers, said Mrs Scott.

"We'll have to see whether it would appeal or whether people would be affronted." she said. "They want to pay for funerals, but if you take it down to picking a coffin and the finish, it could be a bit close to the mark."

The Co-op offers four standard funerals from the "Earl" at £595 to the "Edwardian" at Undertakers have no such qualms about specifying and £900, all plus disbursements of £195, but Mr McDougali costing every last detail for the pre-arranged funeral plans they sell, claiming to offer a better hedge against inflation stressed that it also pre-arthan insurance. But their plans are difficult

funeral bond holders pre-pay for a funeral either in a lump to compare and can contain as many get-out clauses as inflation on a very precisely

Still, stockbrokers point out that "pre-need" marketing is highly profitable for undertak-

if you decide not to go," he said. Refunds would only be ments," such as payments to a given in exceptional circumchurch. Around the country, costs range from £385 to

Since last July, Dignity in Destiny has sold 3,500 of its plans which start with the "Westminster" at £595, going up to the "Lichfield" at funeral plans on the market

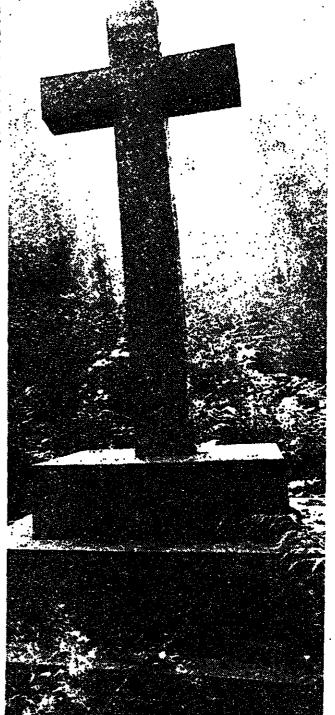
the three main undertaking The Great Southern Group's three Chosen Hergroups has a range of four itage funerals range from the "Simplicity" at £575 to the "Heritage" at £1,095 and refunds are allowed, less the £40 membership fee.

Chosen Heritage has so far sold 21,000 plans and like its sized that the Co-op's funeral competitors stands to make a bond is not an investment or triple profit on them, according to Mr Mark Josefson, an analyst with Panmure Gordon, the brokers to Great

He points out that Chosen Heritage makes profits on the funerals themselves, on its membership fee and on the fund when actuarial surpluses

Making valid comparisons is painstaking work. For example. Chosen Heritage's Simplicity at £575 covers all the funeral directors costs, including disbursements, but Dignity and Destiny's £595 Westminster does not include minister's fee.

Even then, with Westminster Dignity would not remove a body outside business hours or if the death took place more than 25 miles from the plan holder's home except at extra cost at the time.



Rest in peace: but funeral costs can be an eternal worry.

Hallmarks from the provinces have silver linings

By Conal Gregory

SILVER buyers and investors have their eyes very much on the saleroom this month with top quality pieces much in demand.

Sotheby's held period silver sales in both Scotland and London this week, with rare or unusual items doing well.

Mr Peter Waldron of Sotheby's has seen strong interest in the lesser known assay marks - the town or city hallmark. Many command a premium over similarly marked London pieces. He tips Chester and York, followed by Newcastle and Exeter. Both Hull and Norwich are difficult to find but can fetch twice the

equivalent London price. S J Phillips, the specialist dealer of New Bond Street, London, advises to look for coffee oots from Newcastle and tankards made by John Plummer of York.

It is not always necessary to have the assay mark if the piece is reputable in its own right. Mary Cooke Antiques of 5 King Street, London, recently offered a York tumbler by John Smith, circa 1686. weighing about two ounces with just his sponsor's mark. for £875.

The very small offices, like Arbroath and Greenock, produced relatively unfashionable spoons and forks, but larger items, such as salvers or

tea pots, are sought after. The current exhibition of fakes at the British Museum includes silver, but sometimes an article may not intentionally be made to deceive.

A Victorian jug could take in a section of older silver which contains the hallmarks of an earlier era. 1 +2 +4 +3 +8 +6

Mr Waldron expects to see a fake or a piece which has been added to once a fortnight. There was a trade in such articles in the second half of the 19th century and so they do still surface. They make only half the price of a good antique piece.

Watch out for modern engraving on an older piece. If in doubt, consult the leading silver dealers, a list of whom can be obtained without charge from The British Antique Dealers' Association, 20 Rutland Gate, London SW7 1BD.

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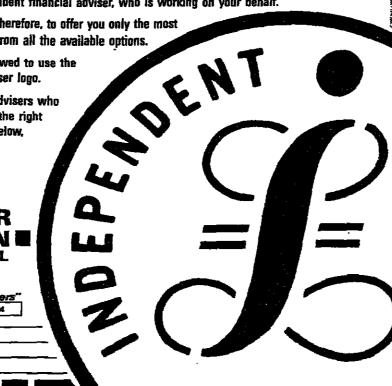
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The great National Savings dilemma

Lindsay Cook on a problem facing many National Savings investors now that no new certificates are being issued

THOUSANDS of loyal Nat- Bonds from the Post Office ional Savings investors are and wondered if he should now looking for somewhere invest in the gross-paid acthere are no new certificates to said he should not. As a basic

is lost as to what to do with his money now that National Savings have effectively been withdrawn from him. He will cash in more than £14,000 of certificates this year and a similar amount next year.

mum £11,000 invested in the 34th Issue of National Savings to the limit he should on Certificates, paying 7.5 per every vear. These start at £50

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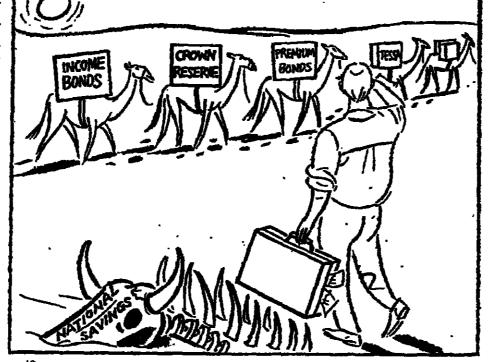
A single man in his forties, he has a company pension scheme and is a higher rate taxpayer. He had picked up the brochure for Income hold out much hope of new

invest in as holdings mature. rate or higher rate taxpayer he One Family Money reader would be able to do better elsewhere, said a spokesman.

There was only one tax-free option left, said the spokesman, and that had no guaranteed return: Premium Bonds. The reader could put up to £10,000 in the bonds. He already has the maxi- which return on average 6.5 4th Issue Index-Linked Certificates paying 4.04 per cent above inflation.

Here and 2.5,000 in the every year. These start at £50 and rise to £250,000 but luck is not even-handed and it is possible for leave in the control of the processing the for leave in the control of the processing the for leave in the control of the processing the control of t possible for large investors to

He also suggested using the could invest up to £10,000 a day in one stock and would receive the interest in full but would be liable to tax on it. But the spokesman did not



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Bank, the largest independent course of action was decided. "He could get 14.75 per cent adviser, Mr Kevin Jennings, director of retail banking, suggested a high return offwhich compounds to 15.59 tax return. The gains would be shore account for the short-term, while a longer-term per cent. While it was there we made in the form of a capital would go check whether he gain."

out cash (or cheques). It all

seems too much a risky busi-

ness and should be stopped.

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tion are welcome but The

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word around too much!

25 Charles Road,

Onshore he could earn 12.25 per cent by investing in the Cheltenham & Gloucester London Share Account. The postal account requires an investment of £2.500 and

contributions.

would benefit from topping up his pension through free-

standing additional voluntary

requires one month's notice. Mr Mark Dampier, of Whitechurch Securities, the Bristol broker, said: "One thing he might consider is whether he is under-utilizing his company pension.

"He could either start paying additional voluntary contributions or a free-standing AVC. At a 40 per cent tax rate it could be quite attractive to put in as a lump sum. He could be in a depositbased pension earning 15 per cent and have the tax benefits of a pension. But a pension lacks flexibility in that he would have to take out an

He added:"Zero preference shares are an alternative. They are designed not to give income and there would therein Crown Reserve on £25,000, fore be nothing to write in a

annuity.

Beware paying twice to Pep up a broker's fees

By Jon Ashworth

ANYONE buying a personal equity plan may end up paying twice for the privilege — without even realizing it. The danger lies in the dif-ference between commission and fees. Some brokers find the first is not high enough and charge a fee as well.

It has become traditional for independent brokers to advise clients "free of charge" and take commission if a plan is taken out. Now that pressure is growing on advisers to disclose exactly what they will earn in commission, many are opting for fees instead.

This way, clients know there is a one-off fee, and no fear that they will be charged in a hidden way later on. Many advisers charge a fee

for recommending Peps because they feel their commission is too little. The usual rate is three per cent of premiums. Advisers would typical £50-a-month savings

fees usually rebate the commission, leaving the client no worse off. But there is nothing to stop them from doing both - charging £100 for their advice, for example, and taking commission as it drips so far is £8.5 million. through.

Some advisers admit that they charge a fee and take commission on top because of the small amounts involved. Most charge more or less for their services depending on how much commission they stand to make. Nine times out of 10 the clients are happy and the system works well. But it is open to abuse.

A broker who recommends a client invest the annual limit of £6,000 in a Pep would make about £180 in commission. Some companies make up for the smaller amount due on regular savings by paying sev-

eral installments in one go. Some of the newer Pep cent of its Pep and investment providers have gone out of trust business is done on a their way to make the savings plans worth selling for independent brokers. Norwich Union is prepared to pay four vears' worth of commission

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when a plan is taken out. This way, an adviser would be sent a cheque for £72 on a £50-amonth regular savings plan straight away, instead of £1.50. Normal monthly commission payments would pick up again in year five.

The most a broker can make on a regular savings plan is make £1.50 a month on a £15 a month, if the present monthly limit of £500 per person is taken up. Through Advisers which do charge Norwich Union the initial cheque would be for £2,640. The group has sold 3,000 lump sum and regular savings plans by direct mail and through intermediaries and tied agents. The total invested

Sun Life, which has taken over £20 million into its Peps, pays 50 per cent of one year's premium as a one-off fee to brokers. On a £50-a-month regular savings plan, this would come to £300.

A spokesman said it was possible for brokers to charge a fee as well as commission. The group does most of its business directly with the public. Brokers accounted for less than £6 million of the total. A lump sum Pep was launched last July, and a regular savings plan followed in October.

Ivory and Sime, the investment group, said about 10 per

commission-free basis. Some offices pay more, others pay less, but in the end it comes down to the financial

Added offshore burden

From Mr Alfred H Silvertown should be obtained locally in Sir, Many building societies the island. This usually means

of the investors who will gain by receiving interest paid gross, are elderly and normally resident in the UK, it should be borne in mind that the governments of both the above islands usually insist that upon the death of an investor, a grant of probate or letters of administration

and some banks are urging that in addition to the expense their clients to invest in off- of a grant of probate in the shore companies or trusts United Kingdom, it is also now, so that they will receive necessary to obtain the offinterest paid gross. Many of shore grant of probate. This is these investments are located a fairly expensive operation, in the Isle of Man or in Jersey. and I suggest that "fair trad-Bearing in mind that many ing" requires building societies and banks to draw the attention of such would be offshore investors to this situation.

Sincerety Yours. Alfred H. Silvertown, Solicitor, 37 Lanchester Road Highgate,

Cashing in on exchange commissions

From Mr A. F. Taylor Sir, Now that holiday time is with us again, your readers Barclays charged 750 pesetas. may find it useful to be The cashier could not give any reminded that the "minimum commission" charged by banks needs checking carefully before changing trav- the British banks any more. ellers cheques. Recently in Yours faithfully, Tenerife, at Puerto de la Cruz, A. F. TAYLOR, the Spanish banks were charg- 58 The Ruffetts, ing a minimum commission South Croydon, Surrey.

of 350 pesetas for changing a £50 travellers cheque, while reason for this. The exchange rate was the same at all banks. Clearly one cannot rely on

Five Star safeguards for Abbey

Sir, Concerning your article about Miss Hill and her problems with the Abbeylink card and her "Five Star Account" (Family Money, April 28).

If the Abbey National are concerned with the cost of checking signatures on any postcards to activate the Abbeylink cards why do they not ask people to simply call into their nearest branch with their passbook to sign an activation form? Thus the signature could be checked immediately against the passbook, as with a withdrawal, there would be a degree of security because it could be assumed that the passbook holder is the person who they claim to be and finally activa-tion of the card would probably be quicker and cheaper.

I can forsee few problems with this concept as it is already used by the Abbey National when customers make a withdrawal using their passbook and request a new PIN number.

Finally I would point out cash card is activated. They safeguard, and I have never

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obviously believe that the been asked for additional benefits outweigh the costs identification when drawing and inconveniences. Yours faithfully. S.J. CALLANDER.

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Yours sincerely, Mr C.C.R. CHURCH, From Mr C.C.R. Church Sir, My attention was drawn to the article on building society cash machine cards principally by the picture in Readers' letters for publicawhich I recognized the front cover of the Abbey National Five Star Account. Isn't there another issue of Published replies marked with

perhaps more significance, in that Emma is holding a passbook in which her signature is recorded, albeit in "invisible" print, so forget the PIN number! Were this book to fall into the wrong hands, it is not inconceivable that the signature could be read from its impression or "shadow" in the paper or simply by somebody who has access to the

right sort of lamp. When an account may have £20,000 or so in it, isn't that a real opportunity to get rich that Lloyds Bank require the overnight? I don't see having return of a signed form to the to notify the building society appropriate branch before a of a lost passbook as a real

Cushion for bereavement

From Mrs R.M.W. Sir. As a recently bereaved widow, I would like to comment on Mr Broadwell's letter (April 21) regarding the widows' bereavement allowance. Surely this is not intended

as some compensation for the grief at the loss of a partner? I consider it a temporary measure to cushion the effect of having my husband's occupational pension halved, without any corresponding reduction in the household bills (power, water, house insurance etc) other than the

a triangular logo are by Bill much maligned poll tax. Packer,tax partner at Touche Whether there is any jus-Ross, the accountant, in uffication for having a married association with The Times. man's allowance in the first place is a different question, ility can be accepted for any and one that should be advice or statements in these reviewed. Yours faithfully, fessional advice should always Mrs R.M.W.

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Comfort for wary homebuyers as builders go bust

House prices have fallen by up to 20 per cent since the market's heyday. As builders discount heavily and auctioneers try to lure bargain hunters Lindsay Cook

investigates some of the current pitfalls and pleasures

going out of business once have put down a deposit may deter some people from considering the bargain deals currently on

Several large builders are trading at substantial losses and virtually all developers are expecting their profits to be reduced this year as a result of high interest rates and the housing market slump.

As a result some are makamount to distress sales. This week one building firm executive said: "We will do everything our give houses away." Cut-price properties, sub-

sidized mortgages and other special deals are on offer from builders keen to cut their own

built flat or house when a builder goes bust are mostly protected against this eventu-

More than 90 per cent of housebuilders are covered by the National House-Building Council's Buildmark scheme. which will refund deposits paid to builders who become bankrupt after exchange of contracts but before the property is completed.

This will reimburse up to ing price reductions which £10,000 or 10 per cent of the a few weeks to pay out. property's price, whichever is the greater.

The Buildmark scheme does not, however, apply to conversions, although some builders do take out a warranty on such properties through the NHBC.

A spokeswoman for NHBC

WORRIES about builders being stranded with a half- erty Group and Declan Kelly went bust many people did not realize they were covered

"The liquidator was able to

"Once the matter has been investigated and agreed by all parties the cheque is sent out

other problems with Burrells to remedy defects in the two Wharf, the Kentish development on the Isle of Dogs. because buyers were offered

for lost deposits.

"We did not have lists of the people who had paid over deposits so we couldn't contact them.

point out to the buyers that they could get their deposits back. There were delays with paying out on these Docklands properties because of this, but normally it only takes

in a matter of days. "There were also some

different flats in the same

development but just wanted out of business as soon as the to get out. property is sold, NHBC takes We had to make excepon immediate responsibility tions to the rules in some cases for any defects.

and pay back deposits."

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However, if a builder goes

A few builders who are not The warranty offered by registered with the Council NHBC also requires builders provide similar cover for their customers through Municipal years after a property is built. Insurance's Foundation 15 The Council then takes over

If a building group collapses

trapped with a half-built property, added the NHBC spokeswoman. The liquidators would have to find another company to develop the site.

No one at home: Burrells Wharf on the Isle of Dogs in London's Docklands left buyers chasing their deposits when the developers went bust

Homebuyers should be wary of requests for deposits larger than 10 per cent and those people dealing with nonregistered builders should not hand over a deposit on ex-

If the builder insists on one the purchaser's solicitor should negotiate for the money to be placed in a joint account requiring the signatures of both parties for

withdrawals. In the current market builders keen to attract buvers should be persuaded to accept such a sateguard, although

completion.

Buyers who exchanged contracts before April last year were limited to £10,000 compensation.

Mr Steven Millington of the Halifax Building Society said the NHBC scheme protected most buyers. "But if there are only two or three properties which have been designed by a local architect there could be problems if they are left halfbuilt when the builder went bankrupt.

The liquidator would have to find a new builder to complete the work. It might be the reason the first builder went out of business was something to do with the site."

But he stressed the vast majority of buyers are covered by the warranty schemes. Those who were not should seek advice from their solicitors on how best they could protect themselves.

From next April the Buildmark scheme will require all builders to set out in clear and precise terms at exchange of contract what buyers are to get in terms of room layouts, sizes, facilities and services.

Some builders are already providing the information.



Going cheap: prices are tumbling at property auctions

Bargain house prices found under the hammer Someone could bid £10 and buy it.

TO BUY a house at auction can now cost 20 per cent less than finding a similar property through an estate agent. Auctioneers are also offering loans on the spot.

Any bargains are the result of auctioneers insisting that sellers fix realistically low reserve prices. One auctioneer, Stickley & Kent, will even accept bids below the reserve price which, they say, are binding on the bidder but not on the seller.

Mr Ray Mitchell, Stickley & Kent's auction manager, explained why they have changed a very fundamental auction rule. "So many times in the past, vendors whose property failed to reach the reserve price have come back and asked if we could try to get the offer again. But it's too late.

"It became apparent to us that, had we put the hammer down on a lower

price, they would have taken it. Nine times out of 10 the vendor is going to accept that bid because a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Prior to the auction, they would not have taken that lower price because of the hope value.'

Under these different rules on the fall of the hammer, a contract is signed but the vendor has three working days in which to accept or decline the offer. Stickley & Kent is not a member of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, which has expressed surprise at its changing standard auction rules.

Mr Norman Hartland, ISVA professional services officer, said: "You cannot bind one party to a contract without the other. You cannot have a one sided contract in any transaction. If one says I'll buy your house and the

other says I might sell and I might not, it is not a binding contract."

The change has been brought in because, in the current state of the housing market, purchasers expect to buy cheaply. Mr Hamlyn Whitty, chief executive of the ISVA, said: "In a boom market, as a seller, you are likely to get outrageous prices. As a buyer in present market conditions, the converse is true.' Mr Mitchell added: "The market

we are in now is very difficult and those who are bidding expect to get things very cheap. Going below the reserve figure works very well for the purchaser who may make a bid on the property which, under the normal rules of sale, he would have lost."

At Stickley & Kent's next auction on Thursday week they have one property which has no reserve at all.

auction," said Mr Mitchell. And Bristol & West Building Society has started selling homes by auction too. Mr David Collett, its

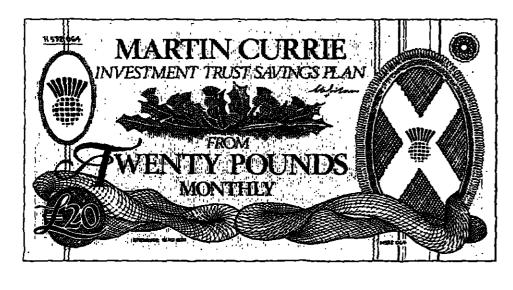
We are starting to see changes like this

come in which makes for an exciting

spokesman, said: "Those who are bidding are without doubt looking for a bargain and they're getting it." To keep sales moving auctioneers are being tougher with sellers about the reserve price and refuse to accept properties if the owners insist on a

high reserve figure. This strict attitude means that reserve prices are low. Mr Mitchell calculates that most of the properties in the catalogue have reserve prices

which are 80 per cent of the norm. Margaret Dibben



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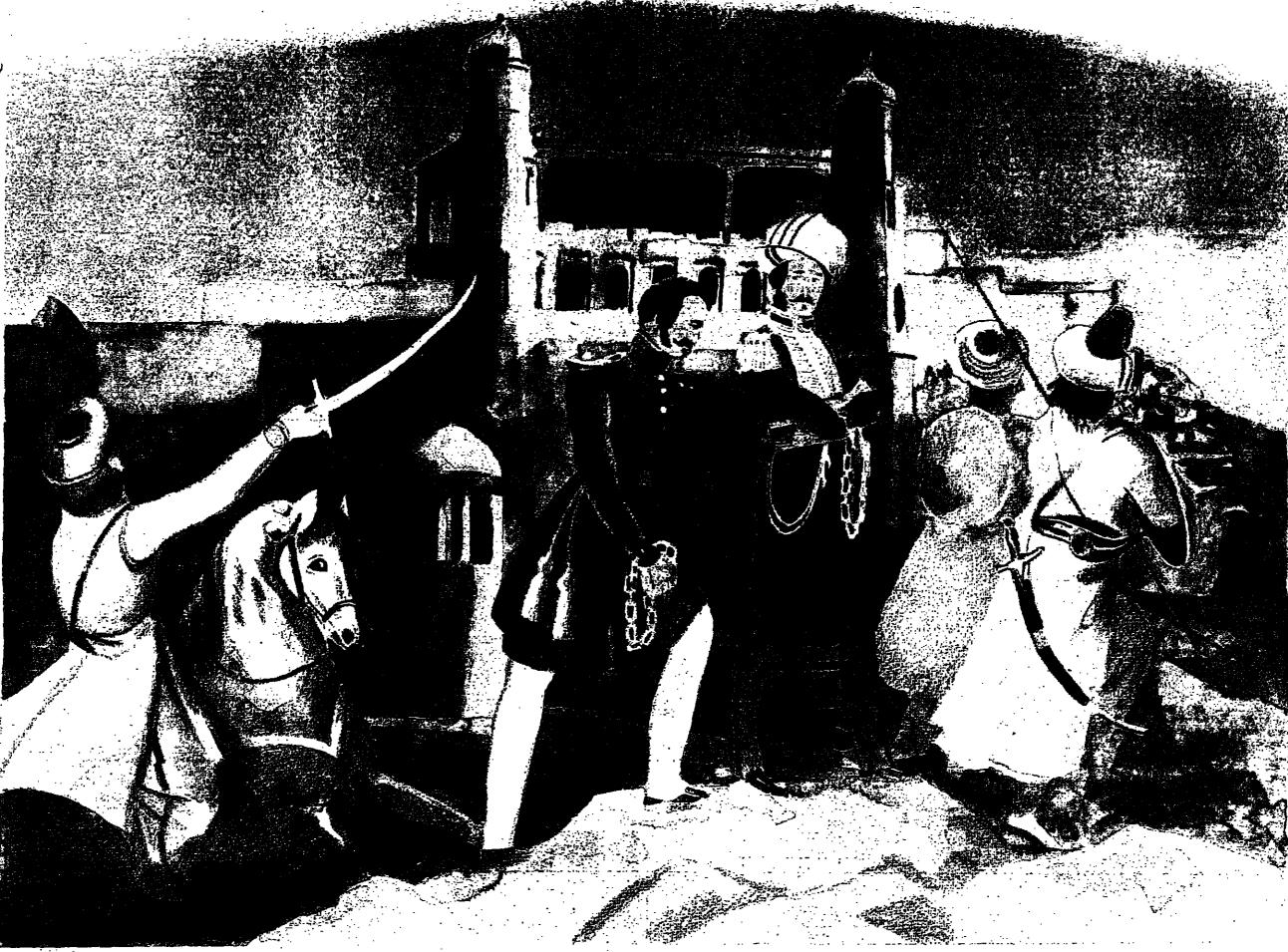
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Secret heroes of the Great Game

YANI ROYD HARTE



n the ancient Central Asian town of Bokhara, on a June morning in 1842, two ragged figures could be seen kneeling in the dust in the great square before the Emir's palace. Their arms were tied tightly behind their backs. Fitthy and half-starved, they were in a pitiful condition. Nearby were two graves, which they had been made to dig. A small crowd of Bokharans looked on in silence.

Ordinarily, in this remote and medieval-like caravan town in Uzbekistan, executions attracted little attention. Under the Emir's despotic rule they were all too frequent. But this one was different. The two men kneeling at the executioner's feet were British officers. For months they had been kept by Emir Nasrullah in a dark and stinking pit beneath the mudbuilt citadel, with rats and other vermin as their only companions.

The two men — Colonel Charles Stoddart, aged 35, and Captain Arthur Conolly, aged 34 — were about to face death together, 4,000 miles from home, at a spot where today coachloads of foreign tourists alight, unaware of what once happened there.

happened there.
Stoddart and Conolly were paying the price of engaging in a highly dangerous game — the Great Game, as it became known to those who risked their lives in its pursuit. The Game was played against Russia, then engaged in carving out a vast empire in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Today, as violent unrest threatens the survival of that empire, the events of those times have taken on a new significance; the seeds of the present turmoil were sown during the Great Game years. The current bitterness and resentment of the Central Asian peoples towards their Soviet rulers dates back to their forcible, and often brutal, subjugation by Tsarist generals. For their part, the British tried to pre-empt Russian moves.

tried to pre-empt Russian moves. Stoddart had been sent to Bokhara by the East India Company to try to forge an alliance with the Emir against the Russians, whose advance into Central Asia was giving rise to fears about their intentions towards India. But things had gone badly wrong. Stoddart had offended the Emir by approaching his palace in the saddle instead of deferentially on foot, and when Conolly voluntered to go to Bokhara to try to negotiate his release, he had ended

up in the same grim dungeon.

Conolly had conceived the bold idea of rescuing Stoddart while on

As one by one the squares on the Soviet
Union's geographic chessboard erupt in
dissension, Peter Hopkirk goes back to
square one. The time: the mid 1880s. The
principal players: Britain, Russia and
Central Asia's local rulers. The prize: India

a Great Game mission in nearby Khiva. Recently rejected by the woman he had hoped to marry in England, and in a somewhat reckless frame of mind, he had ignored the Khan of Khiva's warning to avoid his notorious

Bokharan neighbour.

As for Stoddart, he should never have been chosen for his delicate mission in the first place. "To attack or defend a fortress no better man could be found," one friend declared, "but, for a diplomatic mission, no less suitable person could be imagined."

Stoddart was the first to die,

while Conolly looked on. Moments later, after rejecting the chance to save his life by embracing Islam, Conolly, too, fell victim to the executioner's blade, his head rolling in the dust beside his friend's. Today the two men's remains lie in a long-forgotten graveyard somewhere beneath the square, together with the Emir's many other victims.

The hapless Stoddart and Conolly were just two of the many British officers and other travellers who, over the best part of a century, took part in the Great Game. Their aim was to protect India, with its fabulous wealth and limitless markets, from the covetous designs of the Tsar. It was their task to fill in the blanks on

the maps, discover possible invasion routes, gather political and other intelligence, and befriend powerful rulers, such as the Emir of Bokhara.

The Russian bogy had arisen some 50 years earlier when Catherine the Great's troops started to fight their way southwards through the Caucasus towards Persia. British fears for India intensified when, in 1807, Napoleon proposed to Tsar Alexander I that they should together invade it. Eventually, he told Alexander, they might, with their combined armies, conquer the entire world and share it out between them.

Napoleon's breathtaking plan was to march 50,000 of his troops across Persia and Afghanistan and there join forces with Alexander's Cossacks for the final thrust across the Indus river. The threat never materialized, for the two soon fell out. But a new menace arose—that of Russia alone. So began the shadowy, undeclared war for supremacy in the shrinking gap between the two empires. It was Grandmother's Footsteps on an

epic scale.

When play first began, the frontiers of British India and Russia lay about 2,000 miles apart. By the end, when London and St Petersburg reached an

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In Persian disguise: Conolly, who coined the phrase "Great Game"

accommodation in 1907, this gap had shrunk in places to less than 20 miles. At one time, the Tsar's empire was expanding at some 50

square miles a day.

One by one, the khanates and ancient caravan towns of the Silk Road fell to the fast-riding Cossacks, ever in the van of the Russian advance. First it was Tashkent, then Samarkand and next Bolchara.

Rarely was Central Asia out of the headlines, and at times war between the two superpowers seemed inevitable. It was no secret to the British, moreover, that Russian officers in Central Asia thought of little else but the coming invasion of India.

To the young Indian Army officers who found themselves caught up in the Great Game it was the stuff of dreams. Here was the chance to escape the monotony of garrison life on the sweltering plains and, perhaps, win promotion, glory or even a place in the imperial history books.

ut those who ventured beyond India's northern frontiers took their lives in their hands. As Stoddart and Conolly discovered, there was no prospect of rescue for those in difficulties. To avoid suspicion, some travelled in disguise, often as native horse traders or as Muslim holy men. They explained away their European features by professing to belong to distant Asian tribes.

Most of the players in this imperialist game were professionals, regular soldiers or political officers, chosen for their linguistic or other gifts by their superiors in Calcutta. Others were amateurs, often travellers of independent means, who found the challenge irresistible.

Some never returned. Indeed, certain regions were judged too dangerous, or politically sensitive, for Europeans to venture into at all, even in disguise. Yet if India was to be defended, these lawless parts had somehow to be explored

and mapped.

An ingenious solution was found Indian hillmen of exceptional intelligence and resource, specially trained in clandestine surveying techniques, were sent across the frontier disguised as Buddhist pilgrims or Muslim holy men. In this way, often at considerable risk, the "pundits", as they were called, secretly mapped thousands of square miles of previously unknown terrain with

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The last mission of Conolly and Stoddart

Captain Arthur Conolly (right) and Colonel Charles Stoddart are led in chains to the dungeons of the Emir of Bokhara. Months later they were beheaded. The Times recorded "intelligence of the most disastrous and melancholy nature"

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Warm welcome for our William

out of the way first. Norman Tebbit is obviously big in Deal. My man overheard two old ladies in the library. "I do like a good murder," said one, "but only if it's English." Neil Shand has suggested a solution to King's problem of attracting audiences: bus them in. And I have at last found a story out of which Andrew Lloyd Webber emerges looking good. The American pop composer, Frank Wildhorne (two hits for Whitney Houston) met the great man at a Tony Awards party. He introduced himself, "I am America's Andrew Lloyd Webber." "Yes," said An-

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drew, "they certainly need one."
But I collected my favourite story
of the week from David Firth. Along with Liz Robertson, Michael Williams and Judi Dench, Thomas Allen, Jane Lapotaire, Stephen Fry and the Dankworths, we were part of an entertainment organized for Sam Wanamaker's Globe Theatre at a Middle Temple feast. Firth was once in Jonathan Miller's prized production of Measure for Measure. It toured and eventually reached Barrow-in-Furness in a theatre not too unlike a working-men's club. The manager-compere greeted the Good Doctor with, "Will you need the microphone to introduce your acts, Mr Miller?"

It was a good night at the Middle Temple. According to John Manningham, the 17th-century lawyer, Twelfth Night was commissioned by lawyers there and performed in hall at a feast on February 2, 1602. Some years ago, Donald Wolfit gave a performance of the play for the Queen Mother in this same room, and there in the early Sixties I spotted a baby Michael Crawford as Feste in Colin Graham's production. This occasion gave me a chance to programme an excerpt from No Bed for Bacon in order to hear Dame Judi speak Viola's willow cabin speech once more. If you are looking for a recipe for goose pimples, this is it.

Manningham's diaries contain the only known contemporary an-ecdote about Shakespeare. I'm not saying that it is true. A woman fell for Burbage when he was playing Richard Crookback and made a date to see him (under the name of Richard III) at her house after the show. Shakespeare overheard this, got to her house before the play had ended and, in Manningham's words "was at his game 'ere Burbage came. Then, message being brought that Richard III was at the door, Shakespeare caused return to be made that William the Conqueror was before Richard III".

Our Middle Temple welcome was warm, especially from the staff. A porter comforted Stephen Fry. who was nervously pacing the gardens going over unfamiliar material. "Bit jumpy, Mr Fry? Don't worry. Most of our gentlemen are like that. We've got one barrister never gets

up but what he sits down." Sam Wanamaker's fund-raising efforts are Herculean. The Dankworths were in at the beginning 15 years ago and once did a nine-city tour of the States with Sam, singing for contributions in the great houses of the Cabots and Lodges.

According to John, word got round that Sam was accepting no contribution of less than \$500,000. They appeared in Texas and at the end three frail old ladies apologetically explained that they knew they were expected to give half a million each, but would it be all right if they gave half a million between them? Sam graciously agreed.

Arthur Smith supplied me with the only known Shakespearian "knock knock" joke. "Who's there?" "Mandy". "Mandy who?" "Man delights not me, nor women neither". Can anybody improve on that from the folio?

I AM reproved by R. O Harris for

not knowing that a better word for mismatches is oxymoron. In truth I was too idle to check it. He cites the bursar of a public school in Dorset who swore that a sign saying, "beware: oxymorons abound here", was more effective in keeping out village lads than the usual, "tres-passers will be prosecuted". And John Koski listed his good ones from a Sunday magazine back in July 1988. I like operator service, British Rail catering, Labour Party leadership, British tennis hopeful and working lunch.

APPEARING on BSB before David Frost had officially declared it open was a bit like calling oneself Sir Ned before the Queen gets her sword out. However, Up Your News, a nightly

15 minutes of topical "satire" was an adequate excuse for lèse-majesté. An army of writers work through the day on a script. Three actors prerecord most of the sketches, and at 9pm the visiting presenter reads an autocue live in a studio situated roughly where the old dance floor of the Trocadero stood.

Ken Livingstone had done the chore the night before, but the Noel Gay office walls are papered with rejection letters from other poli-ticians. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead "doubted his ability to perform the role". Edwina Currie, "having resisted Sky TV", said she would resist BSB as well. Baroness Falkender was "no good at TV". Norman Tebbit was brief and sour: Thank you. I do not believe you will be on the air and in any event I do not wish to appear on it.'

MY RECENT observations on the longevity of dukes has drawn a few proud marquesses - an even stur-

dier breed. Lord Curzon preferred "marquis" but Bluemantle Pursuivant assures me the correct form in England is marquess. Lord Normanby, please note. You spell your title both ways in Who's Who.

The first marquess was created on December 1, 1385 when the Sixth Earl of Oxford was given a leg-up by Richard II. This so annoyed the other earls that the title was abolished 12 months later. The present premier marquisate is Winthester, created by Elizabeth I in 1551. As for longevity of title today, these lads have the dukes beat. Outright winner, as Bluemantle kindly pointed out, was the suitably named Arthur Wills Percy Wellington Blundeli Trumbull Sandys Hill, seventh Marquess of Downshire, who died last year after 71 years at

Running him close is the present Lord Townshend, 69 years a marquess. Coming up on the rails are Normanby (he of the versatile spelling) with 58, and Waterford with 56. Two Scots, Lothian and Landsdowne, are galloping along at 50 and 46. Poor Bath has only 44 years under the ermine.

Alan Brien tells me that Randolph Churchill had an ingenious idea for keeping lordlings up to scratch. He suggested that heredi-tary peers should earn their particular rank by public duty, philanthropy etc. If they fail their rank goes down a peg. So if a duke did nothing all his life, his family title would become a marquisate, a marquess an earl and so on. On the other hand, an heir could regain his father's rank by his own efforts.

In an enterprise culture there is something to be said for it.



If I were...

If I were the Right Honourable Kenneth Wilfred Baker, MP, I would now have dismissed the Beachy Head Option. (Tory boss in death plunge. It's tragic, says PM.) Life's not all bad election results, even when you are in charge of thinking up means of anything them. avoiding them. Besides, there were enough Tory triumphs to take the edge off Labour's overall gains.

The light at the end of the tunnel today could still be

the oncoming Labour election express; but it could also be a new dawn in which people decide to live with a watered-down poll tax, and damn out of office any Labour councils which can't produce a low one.

Labour councils which can't produce a low one.

As a politician of 55, with two years on Twickenham
Borough Council and 22 as an MP. I have known the
ups and downs. For goodness sake, I was PPS to
Edward Heath in 1975! The Party in the country, let
alone the town halls, could go down with all hands
within the next two years and No 10 would not
necessarily be "Beyond Our Ken". I was not, after all,
the sole architect of the bated politax the sole architect of the hated poll tax. In the event of a retreat to Dulwich by Margaret,

Michael Heseltine would be a strong contender. But a Tory Party anguished with guilt about pushing out the most successful leader since the war might easily opt for the loyal stalwart who stayed on the bridge in the

I am relaxed about power. That's the difference between Michael and me. There's a gleam in his eyes which unsympathetic columnists see as fanatical. The merriment in my own eyes annoys some of them, too,



Kenneth Baker

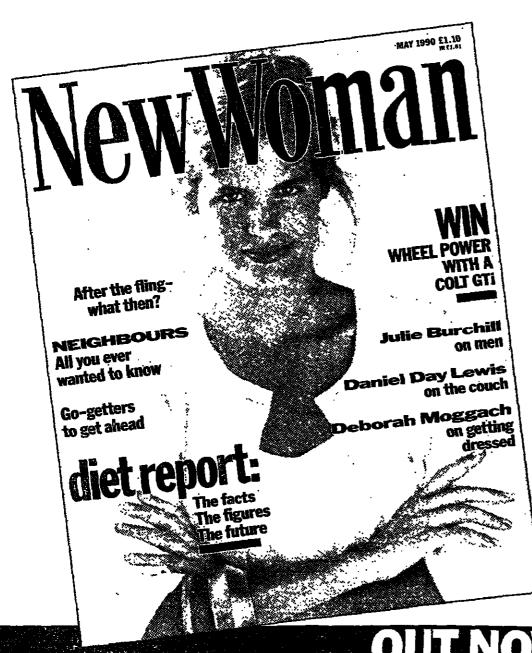
but that is not the same thing. Some friends have been kind enough to say that I have that rare quality in a politician: I can be close to disaster, indeed part of it, without personally suffering its consequences — as if my cheerfulness gave me "distance".

When I aired my scheme to appoint three top advertising men to assist David Waddington, John MacGregor and Kenneth Clarke last week there was a mini-hullabaloo, with one of the ministers - unnamed but easily identified - wailing: "It makes us look like

In fact, it was a perfectly good scheme. Nothing new in it really. We have had bow-tied advertising men crawling all over the Party in the past 10 years. And when you are seen, respectively, as having organized month-long convict dancing parties on the roof of Strangeways, obscured our education policy and wrecked the National Health Service - we are talking about public perceptions here - a few new slogans could surely do no harm. There was always a danger that my plan might be seen as a means of scuppering rivals, but you cannot allow yourself to be paralysed by over-sensitivity. As for wallies, the first sign of one is the chap who complains that he is being made to look

People should relax more, as I do. Read a book, see a play, have a jolly dinner with friends. I take genuine pleasure in life. While my smile might unitate some, at least I do not look in the photographs from outside No 10 like a defendant in a junk bond fraud case. When you have an interest in art, as I do, you have what Denis Healey calls a "hinterland". If the Conservative Party stands for anything profound, surely it is that we don't throw babies - or Bakers come to that - out with the bathwater just because the people seek to exercise their healthy right to order up Pickfords for the Prime Minister.

The great diet obsession: what really works and why



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Great Gamesmanship

Continued from previous page remarkable accuracy. Travelling alone, or with native caravans, they were away from India for months on end,

some for years.

For their part, the Russians used Mongolian Buddhists to carry out secret missions judged too dangerous for Europeans on this great imperial chessboard, which stretched from snowy Caucasus in the west to Tibet and China in the east.

The Russians, too, suffered casualties in the Great Game. In 1829 an angry Persian mob stormed the Russian legation in Tehran after the Tsar's minister there, the eminent writer Alexander Griboyedov. granted sanctuary to three Armenian fugitives, one a eunuch from the Shah's harem. Sword in hand, and surrounded by his small Cossack guard, Griboyedov put up a desperate fight, but was overwhelmed when the crowd

broke in through the ceiling. Griboyedov's body was tossed into the street, where his head was hacked off by a kebab vendor who exhibited it, spectacles and all, on his stall. His corpse finally ended up on a refuse dump. Ever since, Russian historians have accused the British of inciting the Persians to attack the

legation. Like the Cold War of our own times, the Great Game was kept alive by fear and suspicion on either side. Some British hawks were even convinced that the sinister hand of St Petersburg lay behind the Indian Mutiny.
Such fears of the other's

intentions sometimes led to precipitate, and disastrous, moves. In 1839, alarmed by rumours that the British were ingratiating themselves with the Khan of Khiva, the Russians decided to annex his domains before the British did so. That autumn, a 5,000strong force set out from Orenburg to free a large number of the Tsar's subjects who had been captured by tribesmen and sold as slaves. But they had not allowed for the severity of the Central Asian winter, which that year

began unusually early. Soon the snow was so deep that the Cossacks were toiling in it up enterprise. to their waists, trying to force a

rate. Finally, after three months and still not halfway to Khiva, it was decided to abandon the expedition. Without a shot being fired or a slave freed, the force limped back to Orenburg, having lost 1.000 men and 9.000 camels.

Meanwhile, a British subaltern, Lieutenant Richmond Shakespear, had proceeded alone to Khiva from Herat, in Afghanistan, and managed to persuade the Khan to free his Russian slaves. There were 416 in all, including women and children. A sturdy male slave. Shakespear learnt. changed hands for around £20, the price of four camels. Many of the Russian men had been in bondage for 10 years or more, some of the women for longer. To secure their release,

Shakespear convinced the Khan that this would remove any pretext for the Tsar to invade his territory. It was agreed that he would accompany the party across the desert to the nearest Russian post. Many of the slaves' owners were reluctant to hand them over, and the Khan had to threaten them with death if they failed to obey. But there was one slave, a

nine-year-old girl, whom the Khivans seemed particularly reluctant to surrender. It soon became evident that she was intended for the Khan's own harem. "I have seldom seen a more beautiful child," wrote Shakespear in his diary. He told the Khan that so long as even one Russian slave remained, the Russians would have reason for attacking Khiva. Finally, rather crossly, the Khan ordered the child to be handed over to Shakespear.

n reaching Fort Aleksandrovka, 500 miles away on the eastern shore of the Caspian, Shakespear handed his grateful charges to the astonished Russian commandant, who gave him an official receipt. Tsar Nicholas formally thanked Shakespear for his audacious and humanitarian deed. However, it was no secret in St British officer's unsolicited

Single-handedly, he had way through for the camels achieved what a powerful Russian force had so humiliat- catastrophes to befall a British



The notorious Emir

Nasrullah of Bokhara ingly failed to accomplish, not to mention removing the pretext needed by Nicholas for annexing Khiva, seen by strategists on both sides as one of the principal stepping-stones leading to India.

So delighted was Queen Victoria a Russophobe, that she knighted the 28-year-old subaltern and promoted him to captain.

Another 30 years were to pass before the Russians finally absorbed Khiva into their Central Asian empire.

But the Russians were not alone in overreaching themselves in their efforts to preempt their rivals. In 1839, in a bid to frustrate apparent Russian designs on Afghanistan, the British seized Kabul and placed their own pupper on the throne.

To maintain him there they stayed on for 18 months, becoming more and more unpopular with the Afghans, who finally rose against them. The British agreed to leave if the Afghans gave them safe passage. But they were treach-Petersburg that the Tsar was erously betrayed, with the nrivately furious at the young result that 16,000 British and Indian troops, families and camp-followers were mass-

acred in the passes. It was one of the worst

army and only one man. Dr William Brydon, got through, on a mortally wounded pony, to break the news to a horrified nation. Among those who perished, hacked to pieces by a mob in Kabul, was Sir Alexander

Burnes, better known as "Bokhara" Burnes, one of the most renowned of all the Great Game players. A brilliant linguist, with immense charm which he exercised to great effect on Europeans and Asiatics alike, he had believed to the end that he could talk his way out of trouble. Besides those who were

actively engaged in the Great Game, a host of amateur strategists followed it at home. In a torrent of books, pamphlets and articles they freely offered their advice on how best to halt the Russian advance towards India.

The closing chukka of the Great Game was played out in the passes of the High Pamirs, to the north of Pakistan, where the gap between the two front lines had by now shrunk to less than a day's march.
It was here that Captain

Francis Younghusband manoeuvred his men against his Gromchevsky. However, this did not prevent them, on one occasion, from dining together over a camp fire and amicably debating their countries' ambitions in Asia, before resuming the struggle the next morning.

In 1907, the Russian bogy was finally laid to rest with the signing of the Anglo-Russian Convention, which divided the disputed region into spheres of influence, as both powers turned to meet the growing German ambitions in the east.

But the repercussions of those years continue to haunt us today. The overthrow of Asian rulers, the storming of embassies, inglorious retreats from Afghanistan, and bloodletting in the Caucasus . . . all these were familiar to Vic-

torian newspaper readers. With the whole future of Russia's Central Asian empire now in doubt, the epic story of the Great Game is still an ominously topical one.

Peter Hopkirk's The Great Game: On Secret Service in High Asia (John Murror. £17.95) is published on May 10

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A CHILDHOOD: RICHARD HARRIS

'I was reticent about my poetry. I would have been regarded as a real sissy: a big strapping Irish boy like me writing poetry' by Ray Connolly

he greatest thing that ever happened to Richard Harris was, he be-lieves, getting tuberculosis at the age of 19. Confined to his home in Limerick for three years, there was nothing he could do but read. His bedroom became his university.

"In those days there was a bit of a stigma attached to tuberculosis so I didn't tell my parents at first. But then, because I was always. sleeping, I became the object of derision in the house. My father thought I was shirking.
"When they found out the

reason for my always being tired there was a complete reversal of attitude to overcrowding affection, which in some ways is worse than derision.'

He was 23 before he was given a clean bill of health and allowed to begin his adult life with a ticket for the boat to Liverpool.

Born in 1930, the fifth child of eight, he was brought up in Limerick, in a staunchly Catholic family of mixed Catholic and Protestant origins, who owned a large flour mill. They were, he says, in relative terms, very well off, but it was a wealth which was to diminish yearly as he was growing up, as the large companies took over the mass milling of flour and the baking of bread.

The family company finally went bankrupt in 1962 just after he had made the film This Sporting Life. He bought the mill with its large silos on the Shannon docks and said he would only sell it when the wind and the rain had washed away his great-great-great-grandfather's name James Harris (and Sons) from the sign.

"I've just sold it this week," he

"The name is completely gone." A skilled and wealthy property speculator, he got a good price. Property values, even in Limerick, have gone up enormously in the past 30 years.

man - always desperately seeking attention. This he puts down to being in the middle of such a large family. He never had anything that was new. And, though it is difficult to believe, he swears his father would forget his name. "What's his name again?" his father would say. "That's Dick,"

his mother would reply. Perhaps not surprisingly he was known to run away from time to time, sleeping rough by the river. "I was wild, excessively wild. I can remember my mother looking at my father and saying 'Ivan, what are we going to do with him? The wildness in adult life is well documented. He is still, he feels, exceedingly restless.

Educated, along with his five brothers, at the Jesuit Crescent College in Limerick he was for years a daily communicant, going three miles on his bicycle every morning. At night there would be the family rosary. Although no longer a practising Catholic, he still says the rosary and has two sets of rosary beads always with

As a boy he had two great loves: rugby and writing poetry. He played for his province, Munster, at rugby ("Because I was big they would put me in the second row, but I didn't do much in the scrum. I played it like a wing forward, wanting to be off and trying to score tries") and he wrote poetry.

The two pursuits could hardly have been less compatible. "I love poetry, always have done. When I was ill with tuberculosis I discovered Gerard Manley Hopkins, although my father's reading was Mickey Spillane. I wrote all my poems in school books. You should read them. They were published in 1972 and were a big success in America."

As a boy he was more reticent about his poetry. "I'd have been regarded as a sissy if people had known about it. A big strapping Irish boy writing poetry? I'd have been regarded as an oddity."
For different reasons, some of

which he does not fully understand, he was reticent about acting and, when offered the lead in a school production, turned it down and settled for a part in the chorus. The theatre, however, was a major influence on him.

"In those days they'd have touring companies visiting Limerick and I'd go to see them all the time." Not involved with any amateur dramatics, he did appear on stage in a professional capacity a few times during his teens, playing, on one occasion, the Crowd in Oedipus Rex, for which he got two shillings a week.

A more formative moment came, he thinks, at around the age of 18 when he persuaded his father to let him go to Dublin to see a rugby match. "I had never been anywhere other than to Cork for rugby matches or to County Clare where my parents would rent a house every summer, but I wanted to see Ireland play Scotland. I think it was around 1948 or 1949. "So I mowed the lawns and

beloed out in the mill and did all

these things and went off to Dublin with the boys, Paddy Lloyd and Gerry Murphy and the others. And after the match we were drinking cider in a bar, you could drink more cider for less money, and planning to go to a dance when I saw this notice: "The Gate Theatre presents Micheal MacLiammoir in Pirandello's Henry IV. And I said 'That's where I'm going. I'll meet you later at the dance.'

He would like, he says, to be able to say that seeing MacLiammoir is the nice romantic reason he is now bringing the Pirandello to London's Wyndham's Theatre 40 years later, but it would not be true. The play did leave its mark, though. He can still remember some aspects of the production.

was shortly after this that he discovered he had tuberculosis. With two brothers al-ready in the family business and not enough money to pay for him to go to university (there were no grants in Ireland in those days), the three years' convalescence gave him time to think about his future, and to get over the fact that he would never play rugby for Ireland. He read prodigiously, and still does. The Jesuits had trained the mind; as he became a burden to his friends and they visited him less frequently, tuberculosis helped to

complete the education.
"Just think, if I hadn't got TB I'd probably now be a 60-year-old ex-international attached to some club or other who turns up at dinners and talks about the old

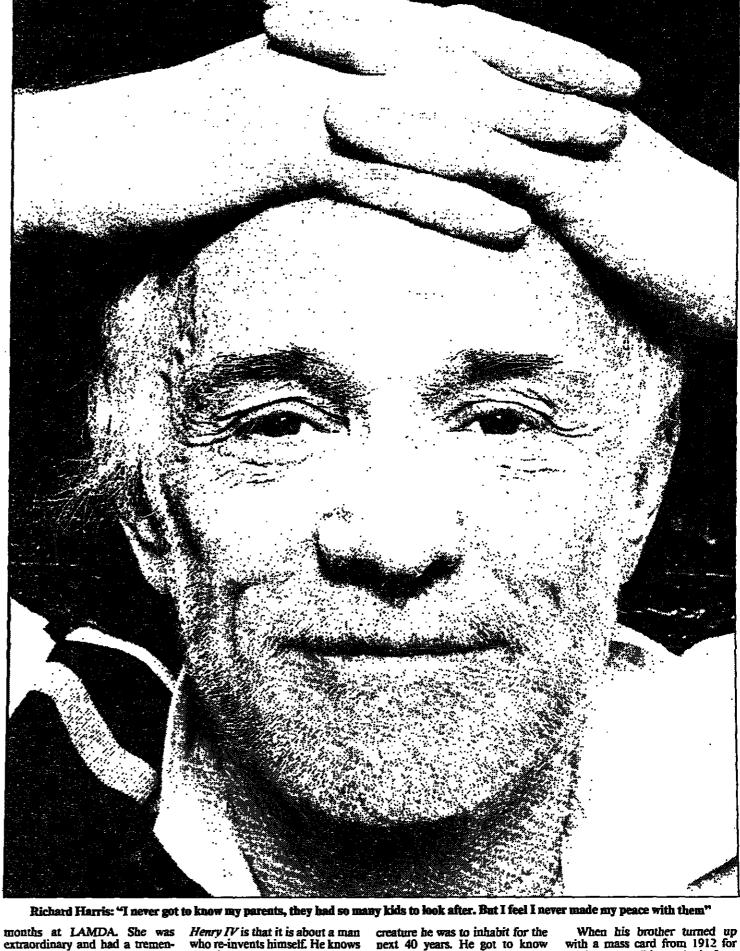
days and is a total pain.
"Instead of which, I'm sitting in the Savoy Hotel in London being roasted by the English Press for being irresponsible and temperamental, both of which are not true - in this instance."

(He is feeling particularly bruised about the advance publicity for Henry IV, not all of it flattering, some of it no doubt unfair, and much of it gossipy.) In 1953, with £21 in his pocket,

he came to London. He didn't have any options. There was no future for him in Ireland. After being turned down by the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and the Central School, he was accepted by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

After a year at LAMDA he want to work for Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop. "I was very, very lucky. I learned more in one month with her than I did in 12

Thile watching an in-



dous influence on my life. "She'd say 'go for it, Mixer'. She always called me Mixer because that was the first part I played in the West End in The Quare Fellow. That was my first professional job at the Comedy in

1956. £10 a week."
In all he worked with Joan Littlewood off and on for three seasons, including the Pirandello play Man, Beast and Virtue. Perhaps that is partly why he is so keen to get Henry IV right, he suggests. That was where he learnt so much about Pirandello. "If Joan Littlewood did a play it was like doing a PhD in it, her

preparation was so thorough." What he particularly likes about wood he had largely invented the

that feeling. "We all create ourselves and rewrite ourselves constantly. I did.

"My mother gave me birth, my father sired me and I've got all those genes from the Protestant and Catholic sides of my family and the Freemasons, they're all mixed in. But I created myself. Somewhere along the line I slowly created Richard Harris.

"All this stuff about people being the results of their social environment is just sociological rubbish. People come out of here." He taps his forehead. "That's what Pirandello's about and that's what I believe.

By the time he reached Holly-

every one of his theatrical generation and to drop the names of the celebrated on every possible occasion. He did not, however, satisfy his father's curiosity. On his return to Ireland his father asked if he had met Betty Grable, or "Betty Grabble" as he called her.

"No, Dad," he said. "You know Betty Grabble was my hero, Dick, don't you?" "I know, Dad."

Now 60, with his two sisters and his closest brother, Dermot, dead, death and the afterlife are peculiarly on his mind. A few years ago a medium told him of a spirit called Rosie who was with him, a woman from his family who had died before he was born.

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Rosie Hartey (his mother's family), he began to take the medium seriously. He carries the mass card in his pocket and says he talks to Rosie constantly.

He will not be buried in the

family vault in Limerick. Both his parents died without him ever making friends with them.

"I didn't dislike them by any manner or means. They were OK parents. It was a good family. We were all happy. But I never got to know them. It wasn't deliberate on their part. They had so many kids to look after.

But I feel, why would I want to be buried with someone I never got to know? I never made my peace with them."

THIS

Clothed in false glory?

LOOK at the people at Bad-York, selling the kind of minton this weekend. There clothes your father wore, and won't be a nylon anorak to be that you can hand down to seen amid the forest of your son.
Barbours. Or, if the sun Fashion Barbours. Or, if the sun continues to shine, there won't be a short-sleeved polyester traditional clothes; we don't shirt among the acres of Viyella. The clothes are saying. "This is our club, we wear the uniform, we belong. If you more of them." want to wear man-made fabrics, pop along to the dogtrack, there's a good fellow. . At Badminton, people know where, and who, they are.

Mind you, dressing to type can be useful. If you go to a point-to-point meeting, you can be fairly sure that a chap in a Barbour or Church's brogues will have a corkscrew, while someone who obviously shops at Milletts will probably be able to tell you where to catch the local buses.

Such accurate clothes-casting does not quite work in London. If a young man on the London Underground is wearing a marcon and white striped shirt, dog-eared club tie, tweed jacket, yellow cords and scuffed brogues, you could bet he won't have a glomal stop. It is a stone-cold certainty that he went to a public school, even money that he has an army connection and 2 to 1 that he lives, is staying, or going to dinner, in

In hair fashion, the short back and sides has already made a comeback. So could brogues, cords and braces be a regular sight in Carnaby Street from now on? For guidance, I asked Ashley Lloyd-Jennings. co-founder and director of Hackett, the shop that started in Fulham in 1983 and has opened not only in Covent Garden, but also in Tokyo, Paris, and next year, New

advertise. We attract the same kind of customer we always have - it's just that there are

Television is a factor. Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie, Jeeves and Wooster on ITV. have done a lot for the young fogey image. So can we all relax, wear comfortable oldfashioned clothes and avoid being typecast? Could one, for instance, wear the Hackett gear and vote something other than Conservative? Maybe Hackett's customers include some prominent Labour politicians?

Mr Lloyd-Jennings, who had been so forthcoming about some of his celebrity customers - Fry and Laurie, the Princess of Wales, for instance - became suddenly tight-lipped. "Do you want to drive us out of business?" he exclaimed, only half in jest. He was not prepared to name

Peter Mandelson, the Labour Party's chief press officer, red-rose image-maker and potential future MP, had no such inhibitions. "How did you guess?" he said. "I'm vearing a narrow red-striped button-down shirt, and a pair of shoes, both from Hackett. And I went to a grammar school and I certainly don't vote Conservative."

Badminton types, you have been warned. The person next to you at the water jump may not only be a Labour voter, he may be actively plotting your downfall.

tense television discussion between Clive James, Linda Agran, John Sessions and Anthony Burgess on the nature of the British Establishment, I began to understand the full extent of the problem of hair. As they tackled the questions of class divisions in Britain, our lack of a solid intellectual tradition, the rights and wrongs thing to be proud of, the Royal of the Royal Family, and so on, I couldn't help but think that they must each of them, in their own way, find their hands quivering beside the "Problem Hair" shampoo

Though Linda Agran, a television mogul, was arguing very firmly against the Thatcherite policies of the last decade, her hairstyle told a very different story. Buoyant to the point of indestructibility, giving every indication that a grand piano, acciden-tally dropped from the roof of the studio, would simply bounce off, hers was a hairstyle that would have been inconceivable before the pioneering hairstyle of Mrs Thatcher and it owed much to

the values contained therein. Working anti-clockwise around the table, John Sessions, the comedian, was talking very, very, seriously indeed, as is de rigueur for comedians these days. An enthusiastic conspiracy theorist, he had worked out that television quiz shows were a means by which the Establishment kept the proletariat in its place. Mr Sessions's hair seemed well-suited to his argument. A fluffy, devil-maycare, combs-are-for-sissies hairstyle that betrays the formative influence of Dennis the Menace, it is a role-model peculiarly ill-suited to the propagation of conspiracy

Next along, Clive James spent his time reining the others back, suggesting that there was much to admire Rupert Morris | about Britain, the BBC some-

theories.

CRAIG BROWN

Hypothesis in need of a trim

Family not so bad, and so forth. A decade ago, Mr James would have been leading the waspish anti-Establishment remarks, but the years have matured him, and now he bottles when shopping in prefers to save the full weight of his waspishness for Japanese panel-games. Oddly enough, his shaved convict hairstyle seems well-suited to both his before and his after personas: 10 years ago, it made him look caustic, tough, preverent, and now it makes him look important dependable, prefectural. It has you might say, grown on him, though not, alas, literally so.

Finally, the hairstyle of Anthony Burgess. Where to begin? Where to end? As the distinguished critic and novelist linked existentialism to Princess Grace to our victory in the Second World War to the homosexuality of the British upper classes to the 19th century musical tradition, all in one gigantic breath, his hair seemed to swirl and pirouette

here folding back on itself, there sprouting afresh from some previously undiscovered territory of the skull. Not soft and silky, not pure and gentle, not dry or greasy, Mr Burgess is very much a Problem Hair

sort of person. A few days after watching this fascinating display of hair and conversation, I found myself watching the story of Mr Messy, narrated by the late Arthur Lowe. Mr Messy is a Mr Man, the Mr Men being a collection of cartoon figures, each with a singularly distinct character or type not often encountered in real life. Mr Happy is always happy, Mr Forgetful always forgetful, and

As a general rule, if a Mr Man is characterized by a failing (e.g. Mr Greedy) his story will conclude with the discovery of a means by which he can put that failing to good use (e.g. eating up discarded To my horror, the tale of Mr



Messy breaks this narrative convention. Mr Messy starts the story looking marvellously messy, with hair all over the place, and ends it horribly nice and tidy, a mere shadow of his former self, a Clockwork Orange, or, at very least, a Coiffed Kiwi-Fruit. I wondered to myself whether Ms Linda Agran, the television mogul, had ordered a change in the story-line, forcing poor Mr Messy into a lengthy appointment at her own hairdressing salon.

On the few occasions ! myself have been on tele vision, I have been treated much like Mr Messy. "What would you like us to do about your hair, then?" they say in the make-up department, "Does it have a parting at all?" My hair is somewhere be tween Mr Sessions's and Mr Burgess's, but with neither the quantity of the one nor the polymathic European cultural heritage of the other, I tell them to leave it just as it is. They shrug. I am rarely in-

It took me a long time to locate a hairdresser who understood me. One day, I was driving between Long Melford and Sudbury when stopped to give a lift to a hitchhiker. He had long unkempt hair and a scruffy beard. He seemed to personify the reason most parents troop their children to the hairdresser. "What's your job?" I asked "Hairdresser," he replied. I

have been visiting Derek the Hairdresser in Long Melford ever since. He is, I think, the only hairdresser in the land who understands that some people prefer their hair untidy. He is also very accommodating. Once, seeing the lining of my coat was coming loose, he said, "shall I give your coat a trim, too?" and set about it with his scissors at no extra cost. Late-night topical discussion programmes might benefit greatly from his

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an area once inhospitable even for hardy

are market gardens nich with carrots and cabbages Even more astonishing. three enormous aluminium chicken sheds are full of hens, which lay 20,000 eggs a day. The birds benefit from conditions of controlled temperature and moisture, correct food and a measured water supply, while the surrounding community of bedouins survives as best it can in a bleak tented city, on rationed supplies of tinned and dried foods handed out at distribution centres.

These are paradoxes in a region where the surreal has taken on the cloak of the commonplace, where one nation's army has built a roughly bunkered defensive wall for some 1.560 miles, to repel the guernila fighters who for 15 years have been trying to reclaim an area of desert territory they claim as their homeland. It is war on a stubbornly unremitting level, largely forgotten by the rest of the world, but a deadly contest for the sides involved.

The combatants are the fighters of the Polisario Front (the military and political representatives of the Sahrawi bedouins) and the army of Morocco. They face each other along the border of Western Sahara the former Spanish Sahara, from which Spain withdrew in 1975 when the dictator Franco was on his deathbed. The Moroccans now occupy almost all of Western Sahara, while the Polisario fighters, who had spent years fighting the Spanish for independence, hold a small corner of desert from which they mount mobile rocket and small arms attacks. Morocco does not accept that it has "occupied" this territory which the Sahrawi claims. It says it is administering it, and that the tribesmen owe a tradition of loyalty to Morocco, which predates Spain's control of the country

To the north just inside the Algerian border, an estimated 160,000 Sahrawis live as resourceful refugees, in an area of virtually no rainfall and extremes of temperature.

When I flew into the small, dirty airport at Tindouf, the view was of sand and more sand. It swirled in through the doors and around the passengers disembarking from the Algiers flight. Many were national servicemen, bound for the desert training camps, but there were

In the inhospitable Sahara, bedouins are fighting for their land and growing cabbages, Susan MacDonald reports

also men of a different type; tall with desert turbans, one without an arm. another walking on

I was approached by a tall man wearing an army greatcoat and beavy boots, his face almost hidden by a khakı turban. He picked up my bag and strode off owards a rainbow-coloured Jeep. which was one of a number of vehicles driven here in a supply convoy from Britain a few months

Tiny spots appeared up ahead. As we drew near they became a vast area of dusty sand-coloured tents - one of the four sprawling refugee camps.

There has been much speculation as to whether the refugees in these camps are Sahrawi tribesmen. It has been asserted that they really mercenaries from surrounding countries, paid by Algeria to fight Morocco under the banner of the Polisario Front. Looking around the tattered tents, I felt that after 15 years of this life even the most avaricious mercenary would have got up and gone

Instead, an estimated 25 000 Polisario fighters launch attacks against some 150,000 Moroccan troops who man the defensive walls, which stretch the length of the Western Sahara frontiers with

Algeria and Mauritania.

Our greatest achievement in the camps has been to settle nomads in a place that cries out to be left alone - and make it work," a Polisario official says. "If King Hassan of Morocco didn't manage to get rid of us 15 years ago when we were at our weakest and on the run, what hope has he now?"

Both Morocco and the Polisario have, in principle, accepted a United Nations plan to hold a selfdetermination referendum for the Sahrawi people, but there is no agreement on how or when this should be held. The Sahrawi could not survive

here without the massive help given by Algeria and international aid organizations. But the infrastructure is their own, including a few permanent buildings such as schools, workshops, health-care clinics, hospitals - and army training camps.

The committees which run include strong-minded

CONVERSATION revolves

obsessively around finals among third-year students.

The favourite topics - the meaning of life, global warm-

ing, the girl or boy down the

corridor - are forgotten as

finals transform their victims

into hommes/femmes serieux.

Even those with uncondi-

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a sobering experience. For

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hurdle. Tutorials, seminars

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Very few enter the final

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This group supports the free loan and an interest-free

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women who keep the community going while their men are at the front. Their doctors and teachers have been trained in countries such as Algeria, Cuba and Libya, but now more frequently they are being trained in the camps.

The miracle - on which all the rest hangs - is that through diligent searching they have found water, albeit 12 and 15 metres down. Huge, seemingly bottomless wells have been hand-constructed, using truckloads of large rocks brought across from the small patch of the Western Sahara that the Polisario holds.

Here the market gardens bring forth their produce in defiance of the barrenness all around. I did a balancing act with Ali along the narrow ridges that separate rows of carrots from rows of cabbages and the indispensable mint for the Sahrawis' strong bitter-sweet tea. He explained how, by bringing in more fertile earth from across the border and creating a complicated drainage system which helps eliminate their chief enemy, salt, four market gardens, complete with palm and fruit trees, have been lovingly created.

He went on to show me his first love - chickens. I stared in disbelief at the enormous sheds and their generator, donated by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.



chicken meat and market garden produce are given first to "priority" people: children. nursing mothers and those in

hospital. Walking around one of the hospitals, I was struck by the drabness of the building and the poor equipment, but there was also a tremendous sense of enthusiasm among the doctors and nurses. Dr Seinabu Buna, a 27year-old just back from six years' training in Cuba, talks positively of how the medical staff are combating malnutrition among children and the intestinal discases which plague adults.

My visit to a primary school produced the same effect of clearminded professionals who face the inadequacy of their workplace with humour and patience. Children crowded round the Jeep as we arrived. They were brought to order by the young headmaster, who was dressed like teachers anywhere, in corduroys, turtleneck sweater and woollen scarf.

"How many children do you have here?" I asked brightly. Behind my back I clutched a plastic bag containing what I believed to be a generous gift of 200 pens. "Eight hundred," he replied. I quietly dumped my offering on a chair in his office, to be found later.

On the sort of tour that every pupil dreads, I stood in the corner taking in a geography lesson on Eastern Europe and then a Spanish language lesson — an obliga-tory second language after Arabic dialect. There is a chronic shortage of everthing - text books, excercise books, writing materials. A knitting class had come to a halt through lack of wool.

In the infants school alongside, teachers have decorated the bare stone rooms with all the stickers and coloured paper they can find. The children look at pictures in books written in Dutch. doesn't matter," a teacher said.
"We make up the stories for them." In the little sand courtyard is a replica of a wide black bedouin tent, large enough for the children to crawl inside, so they can learn about their traditional homes rather than the huge tents of the

On the wall of the reception room in the efficient army training school is a large, naïve painting of the colourful land on the other side of the Moroccan walls. It is a vision of a peaceful Shangri-La, where small streams run through the desert, greenery flourishes and camels, goats and sheep graze peacefully.

"It reminds us of what we are fighting for," the camp com-mander said. Up a hill, past 18year-old boys being drilled on a sand parade ground, I inspected a replica section of the Moroccan walls. The soldiers use it for practice before tackling the real thing. "Only the Moroccans are missing," the commander said with a smile.

The faces of the 36 recently

captured Moroccan soldiers lined up in the middle of the desert for me to talk to said it all. They, too, wore the same greatcoats and illfitting boots. It was hard to find questions to ask. "Are you welltreated?" Laughter erupted at the stupidity of my question. "We eat the same food and live like the Sahrawi," said one. It was not patriotism, but a need to feed his

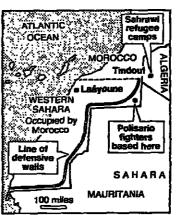


family that made him volunteer for the army, said another. They join a Polisario estimate of 2.000 aptured Moroccan prisoners. Many have spent many years in Polisario hands, because King Hassan refuses to acknowledge their existence or negotiate their release. Nor will he give news of the hundreds of Polisario fighters captured by Morocco.

If it is hard to find words to say to these men, what can one say to the 200 Moroccan prisoners unilaterally freed by the Polisario last year after 13 and 14 years of capture? They are still here because Morocco refuses to allow them to go home, despite International Red Cross pleas.

King Hassan, in his role as defender of the faith, would be proud of them. Their first action on being freed was to build a small

brick mosque in the area of the desert where they now live. The mosque adds to the sense of unreality because it is the only one. around; the Sahrawi consider



religion a personal matter and use tents for prayer.

RICHARD WILLSON

Now the freed prisoners are building beehive houses made of bricks from their own kiln, aware that they could be here until the end of the conflict. Sitting on the bare floor of a tent with some of those I met three years ago when they were still prisoners, I complimented them on their craftsmanship. "There is a world of difference between a prisoner and a free man," said one grey-haired Moroccan officer proudly. The Sahrawis' refusal to build houses is partly explained by their firm belief that their time here is only temporary and soon they will go home. Their faith is clearly greater than that of the former Moroccan soldiers who, in a state of limbo, prefer to sit out the days within the comfort of solid walls.

WEATHER

Follow the sun

THE brilliam start to May, coming after the sunniest April in at least 60 years, is already raising expectations for the summer. This year has so far outstripped the recordbreaking pace of 1989, but can we expect a repeat of last year's glorious summer with its lack of rain, unparalleled sunshine records and sustained warmth from May to September?

One thing is certain: the standard forecast of our daily weather cannot be used to predict what will happen in the months ahead. At best it provides a good guide to the weather up to a week from now. Although bigger computers and better measurements by satellites may extend this performance a few days further, there are no prospects of significant improvements by using this approach.

However, the stagnant anticyclone, which has produced the current heatwave, is a good example of stable weather which can give forecasters their best chance of prroducing accurate predictions over this time-scale.

The search for stable patterns also underlies attempts to make seasonal or longer range forecasts. By rummaging through past temperature and rainfall records and examining seasonal pressure maps, it is possible to detect some shadowy indications of a recognizable pattern. The recent mild winters and the warm summer last year seemed to fit such tenuous basic rules.

In Britain mild wet winters like this year's do not provide a good guide to the following summer's weather (although a mild dry winter like last vear's is more often followed by a very good summer) But. when combined with a warm dry March, such as we enjoyed this year, the prospects for a fine summer improve appresuggest that the chances of a good summer this year are reasonably high, albeit not up to the standards of last year. The prospects are most promising for the early sum-mer, so, for those holidaying in Britain, the best bet is likely to be before mid-July. After this the good weather may tail

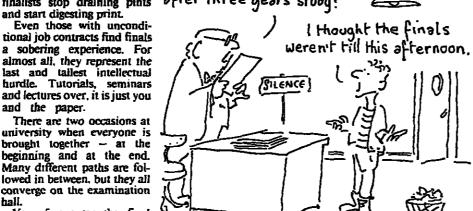
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CAMPUS

Some swot and some panic, but no third-year is immune, Ben Webster writes

As the finals fence looms

Bar-stools are reluctantly exchanged for library seats as finalists stop draining pints of three years study?



Loan benefits

most it is a frantic gallop to cover the whole course in just The days when rich young a few weeks. Various strategies aristocrats could pay poor are adopted. As finals get scholars to take finals for them closer, the queues forming may be over, but the better-off outside libraries before opencan pay for extra tuition. In the attempt to improve their Once inside the library, you relative standing, the desstart spotting faces you last perate resort to psyching out saw at the freshers' photo the opposition. They fatten session and, with a sickening their files with blank but lurch, you realize they have impressive wads of A4 paper, been in there all along. Choos- and ask other finalists for their ing a seat, you offend some reading lists, claiming to have

swot who has occupied it for finished all their own. Question spotting is a popu-For the dedicated debauch- lar pastime of the finals ees, more expedient methods bluffer. It is often approached are required. Borrowing other with a scientific rigour, tables people's essays is a favourite. and graphs are drawn up and Whole files change hands at the probability theory applied. the probability theory applied. Arguments over the chances

three years and the reality is

that most students are con-stantly in and out of overdraft.

This is an undesirable state of

Even spendthrifts in the

overdraft from the banks. This

amounts to a fairly generous

of a particular topic turning up generate so much interest and excitement that occasionally odds are offered by student bookmakers. You can then revise a subject and bet against it turning up - whatever the outcome, you are a winner! Perhaps finals are a nec-

essary conditioning process to transform malingering students into responsible citizens; but it is a peculiar system. For most of your university career you have been expanding your soul in the cosmopolitan hubbub of university life; at the end, you must form a suffocating relationship with a pile of books.

1990/91 academic year, as a

result of loans and the grant increase, would be £2,700,

The NUS could win back

some supporters if it aban-

doned its negative approach. The call for higher grants is

unlikely to succeed, since the

Government is attempting to

In any case, the grants system has failed. It is com-

mon knowledge that some

parents do not give their full

parental contribution. Grants

have not greatly widened ac-

cess to higher education.

rein in public spending

before banking overdrafts.

that finalists must endure. After all, compressing a three-year course into a few hours of examination cannot adequately test one's knowledge. In the finals lottery there is the risk of serious injustice. The assiduous student may crack up on the day, while the virtuoso examinee can woo the examiners with hastily acquired and barely understood knowledge. To the student, finals may

It is difficult not to resent

the mental pain and loneliness

not seem a fair judge; but to the tutors who design them they are remarkably congenial. The alternative of continuous assessment would (as GCSE teachers are discovering) be far more timeconsuming. Finals select their heroes

but also, inevitably, claim their victims. Expectations both personal and those of family and friends - put immense pressure on the finalist. The Oxford University student newspaper regularly carries reports of suicides, and each year a number of finalists are admitted to the psychiatric wing of the Warneford hospital. Facilities are provided there for those who find the examination hall too distressing to sit their finals.

Nor are the last-minute crammers the only ones who feel the stress: the capriciousness of finals destroys the confidence of even the best prepared candidate. Notoriously unreliable as a measure of academic achievement, finals are more a test of stamina and mental stability. Ben Webster is a finalist at Kehle College, Oxford.

lower-income families from entering higher education are misplaced. The graduate, not the family, repays the loan, and most graduates, regardless of background, will earn

higher than average salaries.

The system has its faults. The time-scale over which the system is to recoup its outlay is too long and the bureau cracy needed to run the scheme is worryingly large. However, the scheme's benefits may prove to outweigh the drawbacks, and the Government could find the scheme is not as wholly rejected by the student community as NUS would have us believe.

Simon Hart Finally, fears about foans • The author is a student at the

MUSEUMS

A day at the races

he National Horseracing Museum, off Newmarket's bustling High Street, is a punter's dream. It must be the only location in British racing where visitors receive a bookmaker's betting ticket and are guaranteed value for money.

The ticket, an imitation of the version handed out every day by racecourse bookies, is given in return for a £2 admission fee and is one of the delightful touches which help bring the museum to life. It would have been appreciated, no doubt, by the people who first used the New Subscription Rooms, now home to the museum, when they were opened in 1844,

In those days "gentlemen" gathered in the premises to settle gambling debts incurred on the famous turf barely a mile away - a kind of forc-runner to Messrs Ladbrokes, Corals and Hills.

The traditions, colour and spectacle which have permeated racing for centuries, not to mention the mischief, cheating and low life which have never been far from its fringes, are encapsulated by the treasure trove of memorabilia and artefacts on display almost a century and a half

"The story of racing is fascinating, encompassing millionaires and princes, punters and scoundrels, scandals and fairy-tales, crippling losses and crowning victories. The National Horseracing Museum tells that story," says the museum guidebook.

But a word of warning. The museum and its various tours are strictly for stayers and not sprinters. Allow plenty of time to let racing, past and present.

Above all. try to avoid Newmarket on race days, when the museum is usually packed. For the real enthusiast a

morning tour can be booked in advance, accompanied by a guide who will take visitors on a leisurely trip around the nearby gallops, one of the many stables at flat racing's beadquarters, and the National Stud.

If you are just visiting the museum, allow a minimum of 45 minutes, longer if you want to watch the continually ren-

Richard Evans checks out the form of a museum that tracks the history of the

sport of kings



Fred Archer remembered

racing history. While the various displays. Stubbs paintings and bronzes, racing colours, whips and saddles, photographs and books are individually fascinating, the layout and design of the museum contribute to its special atmosphere.

You almost feel you are at the races from the moment you collect your betting ticket and walk down a passage with a backdrop of a jockeys' racecourse board. The museum is split into

galleries, each devoted to a different theme. An ante-post taster traces the story of horseracing, with its royal connections and Princes of the Turf, while the introduction of rules and the weight-for-age scale devised by Admiral Rous are explained simply but eff-ectively on graphic display boards, which are used throughout the museum.

he tragic side of racing is highlighted by a special corner devoted to Fred Archer, the greatest jockey of all time, who achieved 2,748 winners in 8.084 rides before taking his life at the age of 29. He shot himself with a revolver given to him by a trainer to scare off burglars. At the inquest, the coroner said the weapon should never "see the light of day", and so it remained until 1986 - the ning 53-minute video showing hundredth anniversary of his some of the highlights of death - when the revolver was

presented to the museum. After the racing history lesson, visitors move on to a day at the races, with a reproduction of a 19th century weighing room, complete with models of a clerk of the scales and a jockey, numerous racing colours and pictures depicting some of the giants of the turf.

The third gallery is devoted to the development of the thoroughbred racehorse and contains a skeleton of the great Eclipse, which children often mistake for that of a dinosaur. Some dinosaur. Eclipse was foaled in 1764, did not race before the age of five and was never beaten. He sired the winners of 862 races, and about 85 per cent of all thoroughbreds are his direct descendants.

The great jockeys and trainers have their own room near the mini cinema, where magic moments of yesteryear include footage of the first Derby ever filmed (won by the then Prince of Wales's Persimmon), the runaway victory of Shergar 85 years later, the advent of starting stalls and the heroic and heartbreaking moments of the sport.

Courses, classics and a display of equine art provided by the British Sporting Art Trust complete the show. A licensed coffee-shop offers food and refreshment of better value than can be found on most racecourses, while a gift and souvenir shop can solve a multitude of gift difficulties for avid racing fans.

The museum, opened in 1983, is like a racing form book. There is always something new to discover. For racing enthusiasts it is a must; for the person who enjoys a twice-a-year flutter on the Grand National and the Derby it is a fascinating insight into another world. • The National Horseracing

Museum, 99 High Street, New-market, Suffolk (0638 66733). Opening times: April 7-Decem-ber 9. Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm; closed Mons excen bank holidays. August: Mon-Su. 10am-Spm: Sun. 2-Spm. Adult £2. OAP £1. child 50p. Tour 1

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he Howgill Gap is the gateway to the North. The broad sweep of the motorway and the main railway line to Scotland cling to tight narrows between the rolling bastions of the Howgill Fells on the left and the outer ramparts of Lakeland hills. My heart always lifts as I drive or ride through this majestic valley. I know I'm nearly home and am among the hills that I have come to love so much in the past 30 years. In a way, the Howgill Gap epitomizes the beauty and character of Lakeland.

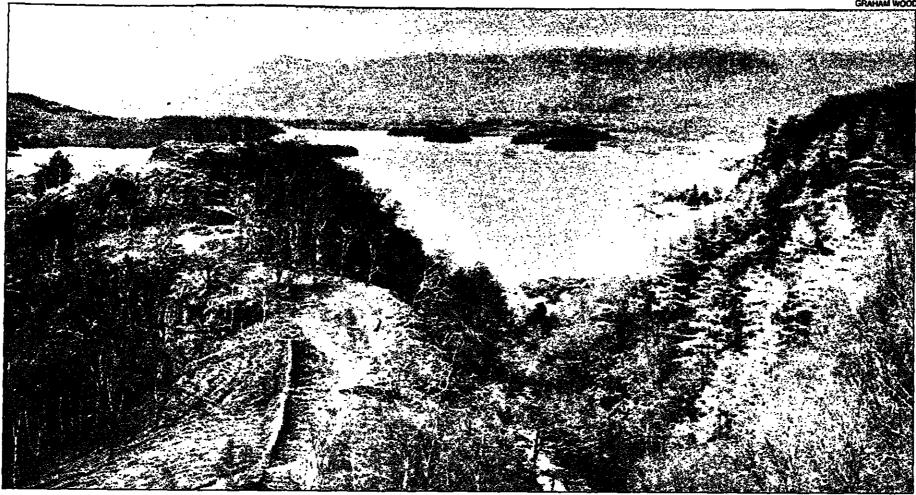
This wilderness is not untouched. Man has been affecting the terrain since the days, several thousand years ago, when the lowlands and most hills were covered in oaks and mountain ash and birch grew on higher ground.

The Howeill Gap shows the full range of change, the clearance of the original forest, slowly at first for subsistence farming, but speeding up through the Middle Ages with the cutting of forest for building materials, charcoal for smelting and the wooden walls of the British Navy and mercantile fleet. The introduction of sheep and the enclosure of land, leaving the pattern of dry stone walls and the nestling farm houses, gave Lakeland its present appearance. The railway came to the Howgill Gap in the 19th century, seeking the easiest way north, to be followed by the broad sweep of motorway in the Seventies. And yet even this great stretch of Tarmac has its place, giving a certain majesty to the gateway to the North lakes. The Lake District is not a huge

area - the hills stretch a mere 36 miles from their south-westerly at Black Combe above millom, to the north-easterly bastion of High Pike above the village of Caldbeck. From west to east is about the same distance. Yet, within this relatively small area is some of the most exquisitely beautiful mountain country in Britain, with four peaks of more than 3,000 ft, its lakes and glaciated valleys, which spread from the centre of the mountain mass rather like the spokes of a wheel, each one with its own special

In the past 28 years my wife, Wendy, and I have lived on the edge of the Lake District, slowly working our way round from its south-west tip to the north-east, getting to know it better and coming to love it more and more with the knowing. We started off in the spring of 1963, living in a single room over a garage at Loughrigg Farm, just above Skelwith Bridge near Ambleside. This was the closest place to the centre of the Lakes in which we have lived. After a couple of months we rented a furnished cottage in Woodland, a quiet little valley to the east of Broughton in Furness. This was where I started

Land of hope and glory



Growing wild in the country: the National Trust has carefully blended its new paths into the landscape, and it is still possible to have the mountains to yourself

moved to the foot of Ennerdale, to rent a traditional Lakeland cottage attached to a farmhouse, before moving two years later to Cockermouth to buy our first house. Then came a slight aberra-

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I was doing more and more work as an adventure journalist and wanted to move to London to be closer to magazine editors, and what I perceived to be the centre of things. Wendy wanted to stay in the Lakes so we reached an uneasy compromise by moving to Manchester, where we stayed for five years. It was a good centre from which to organize the first two of my major expeditions to the Himalayas, but the lure of the Lakes was strong. In 1971 we bought a cottage on the northern edge of the Northern fells for weekends. We found ourselves spending more and more time there, and then in 1974 we moved in permanently

In 28 years I have climbed and walked throughout the Lakes, built friendships there and seen the inevitable changes caused by

and an increasing prosperity. This is partly a reflection of the rising standard of living, but it is more specifically due to the dev-elopment of tourism and the numbers of people who, with the aid of improving communication systems, run their businesses from a cottage in the heart of the country.

However, the popularity of the Lakes poses problems. Something like 11 million visitors come here every year, filling the roads with their cars and, once on the hills, driving a swathe of foot-eroded trails across the mountains. It is wear and tear on a grand scale, affecting the dry stone walls, woodland and the banks of lakes and streams.

Foot erosion on the hills is the most serious, for it starts a chain reaction. Once the grass is worn away and the roots are killed, rain water sweeps away the soil, leav-ing an ever-widening scar of rock and pebbles. The only solution is to build new paths and encourage walkers to use them.

The National Trust, which procts 140,000 acres of some of the

most beautiful parts of Lakeland. has done particularly good work in this direction. The paths are cobbled from natural rock and blend into the landscape. They have been carefully crafted in a tradition that dates back to neolithic times: paths have been unearthed in Langdale leading down from the axe factories of those bygone days. The Lakes are rich in footpaths: the miners' paths of the 16th and 17th centuries, shepherds' paths, or ones like that over Sty Head, which were major thoroughfares dating back to the Middle Ages.

ow the National Trust employs four footpath teams, of three to four people each, working full-time throughout the year. It is slow, painstaking work. A single path up one of the side valleys takes more than two years to complete, and, even when finished there is need for constant upkeep. I find these paths aesthetically pleasing, unlike those in other hill regions where concrete and materials foreign to the area

have been used, turning a wild country area into what feels like an

There is no such feeling in the Lake District, and it is still possible to have the mountains to yourself. Most people go to the popular areas, Scafell Pike, Helvellyn, Sty Head Pass, Watendlath and all the other places described in countless guide books, but there are hidden areas in the Northern Fells, around Eskdale and the Duddon valley, where you can wander on a bank holiday and perhaps see no more

than two or three people all day.

In the winter, if the fells are clad in snow, they assume an altogether fiercer mien. On a wild, blizzardy day in February, they can feel as wild and empty as the Highlands, or even an Arctic waste. They can be equally dangerous too, with the upper slopes covered in windblasted, rock-hard snow and ice that can catch out the ill-equipped or the unwary. This is when the mountain rescue teams, ali volunteers, work overtime.

The Lake District is under greater pressure than ever before. The hills can absorb more people than at present, provided sufficient funds are made available to help the National Trust and Lake District National Park employ sufficient maintenance staff. Most

of these funds are provided by the Lake District Appeal, although John Toothill, the National Park Officer, did try to raise more funds by proposing a local sales tax to be collected from accommodation in the Lake District There was an outcry against

this, but it is something that is widely employed on the Continent, particularly in Switzerland, and would at least mean that the people who use the Lake District would also contribute to its upkeep. There is also the problem of an ever-growing weight of traffic in the Lakes, with an accompanying demand for greater car park facilities and wider roads, which the Lake District Planning Board is resisting, since the introduction of either would destroy the character of the Lakeland valleys. The narrowness of the roads and limit to parking places act as a natural

Perhaps the most serious impact of tourism is on the lives of the people who live in the Lakes. Tourism may have brought prosperity and be the greatest provider of employment, but there are less desirable by-products in the shape of inflated property

The strict planning regulations, which have limited development and helped preserve the character and quality of building in the Lake District, have undoubtedly exacerbated the problem, helping to create a housing shortage, which in turn increases prices and makes it more difficult for local people. particularly first-time buyers, to compete in the market. As a result they are forced out of the areas and the growing number of second homes can empty villages of their year-round population, thus kill-ing the local village shop, for want of regular customers, and the village school declines because of the dearth of pupils.

We are lucky to live near the villages of Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket, which have a strong and active community of people born and bred in the area. combined with newcomers like ourselves, who either work in the local towns, particularly Carlisle, or who run their businesses from

As a result the villages have a primary school, church, medical practice and an effective recreational life, reflected in cricket, tennis, squash and bowling clubs. There are good grocery shops in each village, a clogger and even a

Local industry varies from a tiny brewery behind the Old Crown public house in Hesket Newmarket, to Stobart's feed mill and Steadman's flourishing steel erecting business.

More importantly, there is a strong community feeling that is reflected in social activity and demonstrated by the action of a local businessman, who is building low-cost housing for first-time buyers within the village. He built six houses some years ago, three of which are occupied by the original purchasers and all of which are lived in throughout the year. He is building a further development of terraced houses and is looking into ways of ensuring, within the deeds of sale, that they can be sold only to local people. If only more individuals or companies could take similar action.

The Lake District remains a good place both to live in and to visit. However, if it is to maintain its beauty, more care, and therefore money, will be needed. Perhaps even more essential, careful thought is needed to make sure that not only is the beauty of the area preserved, but that it can be freely visited and still provide work and affordable housing for its people.

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MOTORING CHALLENGE

Champagne on the ceiling

ikhail Gorbachov and I had a day to forget on Tues-day. We both made a hasty exit from the May Day celebrations. He in Moscow, to avoid taunts, and I in Bokhara to confront the time-honoured scourge of the traveller in Asia. For more than half an hour

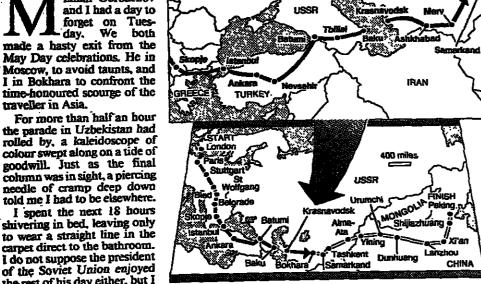
rolled by, a kaleidoscope of colour swept along on a tide of goodwill. Just as the final column was in sight, a piercing needle of cramp deep down told me I had to be elsewhere. I spent the next 18 hours shivering in bed, leaving only

to wear a straight line in the carpet direct to the bathroom. I do not suppose the president of the Soviet Union enjoyed the rest of his day either, but I would happily have changed Since leaving Baku last week, the London to Peking

Motoring Challenge has crossed the Caspian Sea by ferry and the Kara Kum Desert by road. With temperatures unseasonably high, sometimes more than 100°F, air-conditioning units in the vehicles have been working overtime. There are three kinds, the one with a switch in the car, the natural kind from winding down the windows, and a less sophisticated version on some of the vintage cars which are open. Those with artificially cooled air turn it up until the glass is frosted inside and sail past the rest of us with an irritating minutes of film, you will let complacency.

We are now experts in Central Asian archaeology, having visited several sites recently: a Temple of the Fire Eaters outside Baku, where early Zoroastrians worshipped flames from natural gas, the Palace of the Parthian kings near Ashkhahad, and the ancient cities of Merv, 20 miles

from Mary. Here Genghis Khan's 80,000 troops won a narrow victory against the defending forces' 90,000, gaining the upper hand only after cutting off the city's water supply. They went on to slaughter a further one million local inhabitants.



It was over 100° in the nonexistent shade when we visited Merv. With dozens of videocameras whirring simultaneously, a passer-by might have taken us for a class of the David Lean film school.

At least we are getting the hang of the equipment now. By now, too, the organizers Voyages Jules Verne have got Intourist, as their local representatives, believing that we are not a group. We are 160 They are almost right: 160

egos would be more accurate. People wander off at will during sightseeing, not one bus has left on time. If you want to shoot an extra five your video roll until you are satisfied, and return to the bus late, staring defiantly ahead.

After visiting Merv, we were taken to a collective farm in deepest Turkmemistan, more than 2,500 miles south of Moscow, and our meeting with the elected chairman of the council proved one of the liveliest hours of the past

The farm covers 5,000 hectares and has 10,200 inhabitants from 17 nationalities. The main crop is cotton and last year, with a turnover of 17 million roubles, the collective showed a profit for the first time. Half of this was distributed to the workers as wages

and the remainder allocated to capital projects approved by the council.

Each family has their own small plot and their produce can be sold at the local market, although the state sets the price. Wage differentials are in operation; the harder you

work, the more you earn. We were then entertained in the village hall with a series of plays and songs staged by the local children. Some of the action was a little obscure, as you might imagine, and afterwards, in the traditional manner, we were asked on stage to meet the performers.

his invitation had also been extended to us in Tbilisi after a concert of Georgian songs and dance, but no one told the man lowering the curtains, so there was a brief mêlée as we fought to reclaim our dignity.

Here, the embarrassment was far worse, no sooner were we among the agile young artists than the music began again. I've never seen anyone imitate a native dance without looking leaden-footed, and surely we were no exception. We are getting the hang of the money. The business rate

is one mubble for £1, but the

tourist rate offers 10 roubles

and the black market 20.

Many are spent on the roulette

attempting to reach the world outside. There is plenty of perestroika in the commercial sector but you have to be Arriving in Mary last Sat-

urday evening with a week's dirty washing, I took a bagful to the key lady on our floor but received a firm "Nyet". I produced 50 roubles and the deal was done; it would be ready tomorrow, at the same At 7.30pm exactly the key

lady triumphantly arrived with the clean washing; 50 roubles had not only paid for the laundry, it had commanded an express service

Every evening each table for eight is enhanced by half a litre of vodka, four bottles of champagne and more for the asking. The champagne has been warming gradually for months and consequently dinner is accompanied by an 80gun salute. The velocity of the plastic corks is such that most of us go to bed wearing a fine crust of ceiling plaster. At Bokhara eyebrows were raised when our best marksman brought down two light

Baron Guy de Wimnel and his lady companion might have enjoyed the fun, but we will never know. His Lamborghini ground to a halt for a second time in Turkey and the visas expired: we had seen little of the dashing nobleman, a mysterious figure in the background, but rumours of his escapades were a universal topic and we will

The Motoring Challenge moves on relentlessly, a microcosm of western society surging eastwards, but brought back to earth from time to time. In Ashkhabad the hotel management refused to turn on the air-conditioning, claiming a local law prohibiting its use until later in the year. We might have had closed borders opened for us, and open roads closed to speed our progress, but even challengers, the Marco Polos of materialism could not turn spring into

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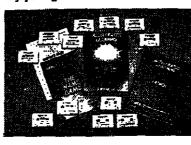
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Don't be fooled by the experts — or by

appearances: authentic Italian cooking is not

easily achieved. Jonathan Meades

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blame Richard Rogers. Had the nobly profiled architect stuck to devising means of putting a building's intestines outside its skin — thus rendering them extestines - none of this would have come about. But he didn't, and it did. Instead of resting on the seventh day, he created the River Case which has, in the tiny pool of London restauration, made as big a splash as the Beaubourg and Lloyd's have in the great lake of international building. The point is not whether one likes the works, but that Rogers does Rogers far better than anyone else: Rogers cannot be outrogered. His disciples seem never to get beyond borrowing his mannerisms. Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray who run the River Case suffer similarly. Because they make their version of rustic Italian cooking appear so easy, it is assumed that it is easy. It's not. Their inevitable mimics may sedulously ape their style, but miss the target of their substance by some way. It's not quite as if an aspirant Rogers were to design a public toilet with the loos on the outside, but it's moving

Florian's in Crouch End pays such overt homage to the River Cafe that it's almost parodic. At its front, in a former shop, is a wine bar (good Italian wines, loud "adult" pop music - Gipsy Kings, Travelling Wilburys, etc); behind this, in what were light industrial premises - there's still a 19th-century hoist on the exterior - are two connected and awkwardly shaped diningrooms. They are not so artily spartan as those of the River Cafe, indeed their yellow-painted brickwork makes concessions to prettiness, but they are a world away from the current norms of, on the one hand, blitzed plaster and, on the other, deep-pile chintz. They are essentially plain and they pretend to a seriousness of intent. And so,



too, does the menu: every item seems promising. Moreover, the very look of the dishes being delivered to other tables is appealing, authentically Italian - instead of being at the bottom of the hill beneath Alexandra Palace, one might be in the shadow of the Mole Antonelliana in Turin, There goes a plateful of grilled chicken with rocket salad, there one of sausages with grilled polenta. And when one's turn comes and the plates are heading for one's table and tongue well, one's eyes have by this time connected with whatever bit of the brain it is that controls gastric anticipation and have opened the

Five or 10 years ago there was a fashion for "pictorial" food, a collusion between publicity-mad(e) chefs and photographers which bypassed those who were going to eat the stuff and produced pattern making indebted (loosely) to Kandinsky, Miro, even Mondrian. Of course, as I've said, one does eat with one's eyes - but only to a point. So this fashion for twee abstraction passed, to be replaced by the sort of photography of which Robert Fresson is the leading exponent: burnt pans, "earthy" dishes, "natural" colours - an evocation of some farmhouse Arcadianism, which miraculously makes us forget the real smell of

photography is dissembled, thus greater than that of the idiom it succeeded: there is no greater artifice than naturalism. The cooking at Florian's looks very farmhouse-like, and that's as far as it goes. The loud flavours that Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray impart to virtually identical looking dishes are entirely absent. It's no doubt a paradox, but gutsiness is achieved through finesse and technique. All the bottles of extra-virgin oil and ancient balsamic vinegar that decorate the shelves above the cash desk at Florian's are no more than decoration, because the kitchen has not mastered their use. The intentions here are unexceptionable. and the ingredients are good - but the flavours are both crude and muted. A fritto misto of calf's brain goat's cheese, aubergine and fennel sounded fine, looked great, but tasted of very little. And so it went on: crostini of pounded liver,

FLORIAN'S

4 Topsfield Parade, Middle Lane, London N8 (081-348 8348) Major cards.

chopped green olives, tomatoes and

TIRAMISU

327 West End Lane, London NW6 (071-433 1221)

peppers; rabbit with lentils and a sweet and sour sauce; greasy duck with a vin santo sauce. The kitchen seems to have proscribed the use of herbs, spices, seasonings. There is nothing unpleasant about its cooking, but its persistent failure to bring out the best in its materials is a reminder that culinary talent is of greater moment than is the striking of right-on attitudes. The cruel truth is that any number of generically discredited veal 'n' tomato joints cook their "Italian" dishes better than this one does. The answer is probably for the kitchen brigade to go on secondment to the River Cafe for a week or two. Either that, or it should start reading recipe books rather than just looking at the photographs. About £50 for two.

iramisu, named for the pudding ("pick-me-up", which is a fib), is another fairly new Italian establishment with ambitions to break the mould although it is clear that the shape of the mould is rapidly changing. More tentative than Florian's, it has no more than one foot on the running board of the bandwagon of cucina rustica. It is happily sited next to the second most handsome fire-station in London, the Voyseyish job in West Hampstead. It is small, with a pale green interior, off-the-peg prints on the walls, banquettes and an early Sixties sideboard, which is

either a collector's item or something from a skip. The cooking is various, both in its invention and its execution. A rack of lamb was so dreary that it seemed a posthumous insult to the fleecy meat source. And a lump of steamed salmon with a balsamic vinegar dressing was poor - the salmon possessed an allpurpose fish flavour, like that of a

battery chicken or teal. In a blind tasting only the texture of the meat would have given it away. Further, the kitchen doesn't know how to fry potatoes without endowing them with a soggy, chewy crust.

There is, though, another side to this kitchen. A number of dishes reveal a combination of sound imagination and unflawed accomplishment. It's as though no one can really be bothered with the simpler things and everyone is awaiting the chance to show off party pieces. The rule here is the more original or unusual the dish the better it is likely to be. Thus, "cannelloni" does not involve pasta but consists of aubergine wrapped round a filling of ricotta with a light and unhackneyed tomato sauce. Again, croquettes of mushroom and puréed potato are deep fried with felicitous results. Pretty decently made potato gnocci are expertly sauced with a Gorgonzola-flavoured cream; this is a splendid dish. The sweets, including tiramisu and a mille foglie, are rich and light, though anything but restorative. About £50 for two.

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Stars - up to a maximum of 10 ere for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices on this page are for a threecourse meal for two. They include an apentif and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed - they are given only as an indication of the

establishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

SCENIC

Redmond's at Malvern View ***** Cleeve Hill, nr Cheltenham Gloucestershire (024 267 2017) Gloucestershire (024 267 2017)
Redmond Hayward made his name with a little restaurant in Cheltenham. He and his wife have now taken over a modest notel outside the town on the Cotswold escarpment. The views are terrific and so is the cooking — it is assured, restrained, original and delicious. Skate feuillete with ginger and lime butter sauce, beef fillet with garlic puree and parsley and mustinoom sauce, chicken with vanilla and orange, doal's chease vanilla and orange, goat's cheer ravioli with tomato and gartic, he banana soufflé, lemon tart with oney sauce. Commendable "other" American states. £55-£60. There are also reasonably priced rooms and exceptionally cheap al-in mid-week deals: £100 for two people including dinner, bed and breakfast.

Morton's

*** 28 Berkeley Square, London W1 (071-499 0363) A formerly louche club which has cleaned up its act. The bar is straight out of Manhattan, the dining-room is more or less True Brit – and it has a balcony which overlooks the square. This is one of the finest sites in London to lunch in. Some of the vaguely Franglais cooking is notable – particularly the fish cakes, which must be the best ever. Decent, short wine list and

**** Chedington, near Beaminster, Dorset (0935 89265) This early Victorian essay in the neo-Elizabethan manner is remotely situated in west Dorset. The house and its views are special. The service isn't. The cooking years between the good and the rather less good. Well-made smoked salmon mousse. tremendous crab cake, boringh vercooked pheasant. The wine list is amazing and takes in Canada, Israel, Romania, etc. It is notably strong in Riola and is altogethe expertly chosen. £65-£80.

Inverlochy Castle ****

Torlundy, Fort William, Highland Region (0397 2177) An extraordinary Victorian time service is quite something — a uniformed platoon greets diners

who, inevitably, have difficulty negotiating the massed ranks. The interior of the muscular baronial interior of the fusions of dead stage beauty open simpressive — hectares of panelling, hundreds of dead stage beads, overwrought funiture by Louis the Decorator and Louis the Highlander. The setting beneath n Nevis is also more than starting. The cooking is regulation issue luxury hotel stuff — all pretty well cooked, but lacking any individual stamp; the meat, however, especially the beef, is first rate. £100.

The Carved Angel 2 South Embankment, Dartmouth, Devon (0803

the cooking is Anglo-French in the best sense, with Tuscan and Catalan accents. This selecticism produces earthy, down-home dishes such as famb with proquettes of seaweed, battered offal, grilled chevre with brochs -all ordinary enough sounding but accomplished with flair and taste; the kitchen's technique is to mble its technique. The view over the Dart estuary is gorgeous and so are the wines, which are particularly strong in minor Rhones that yield major pleasure. Tremendous British cheeses, 268.

The Waterfront

★★★★ Harbour Yard, Chelsea 352 4562/4619) Accomplished newlsh-wave Venetian cooking in a handsom restaurant overlooking the main Service is a bit at odds with the kitchen and is stuck in the eas of the pepper grinder. The meat dishes are not the kitchen's strong point, but the fish is good and rentive: bass with scampl, scallops with balsamic vinegar, pasta with dried mullet roe. Poorish wines. 266.

AL FRESCO

★★★★ 3 Blenheim Terrace, London NW8 (071-624 6232) Pretty, pseudo-rustic bistro serving polished, pseudo-rustic Franch regional dishes: veal with morels and fine fresh moodles, saled of duck confit and so on. Good

unter entry

River Café

***** Thames Wharf, Rainville Road. London W6 (071-381 8824) Part of a complex of former industrial buildings converted by the architect Richard Rogers for his own practice, this spartan cantee like dining-room serves arguably the finest Italian food in London One of the reasons for this is that neither Ruth Rogers nor Rose' Gray, who cook here, is Italian. The eray, who was and improve on: are homely ones, mainly Tuscan and Piedmontese. The ingredients they use are fine and rustic and allowed to speak for themselves. * Boilto misto, salads, rare beef with herby green sauce, bean soup, are splendid, and so are the wines, and so is the setting. 260.

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Art of staying the same

Charles Hennessy

on what to expect once allowed

through Lipp's

revolving door

here are certain privileged places," writes the official historian of this privileged place, "where the air one breathes is not the same as that next door, where the people one meets seem to be in harmony with each other, where cares vanish, where life seems easier, kinder, warmer. One of these small paradises bears on its façade a quasimythological name."

been up there since 1880, ceramics were complemented when its eponymous Alsatian by mosaic panels and deco-(whence the still-renowned rated mirrors — those of the speciality of choucroute) main room subtly tilted so founder opened the place to that everybody could see what

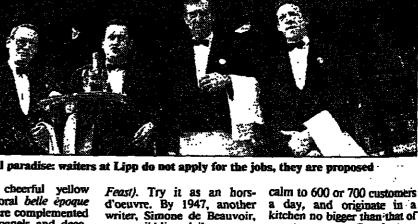
Then as now, the blond beer, another Alsatian speciality, was such that Marcel Proust used to send the faithful Céleste all the way from the Boulevard Haussman on the Right Bank to fetch a jug of the stuff. A man cannot live by tea and madeleines alone,

The two cafes opposite already attracted artists and writers. Then Louis Jouvet opened the Vieux-Colombiers nearby (still thriving in the Rue Jacob) and put on plays by Gide, Jules Romains and Roger Martin du Gard. Playwrights and actors found Lipp sympathique for supper after the show. When Marcellin Cazes took

over in 1920, he added to the clientele a selection of the *hautes fonctionnaires* from the adjacent ministries and a bench or two of politicians from the Senate down the road. It is that mix that you find chez Lipp today.

The Auvergnat M Cazes

expanded the premises - a mere 12 tables served by two waiters — by acquiring the adjoining premises (typically, a Lipp habitue, the architect Madeline, supervised the construction and another, who just happened to be the conseiller municipale of the quartier, smoothed out the administrative problems). M Cazes spared no expense.



Small paradise: waiters at Lipp do not apply for the jobs, they are proposed

Daforgue's cheerful yellow The name is Lipp and it has tiles and floral belle epoque complete the golden triangle was going on. A painter, of Lipp, Les Deux Magots and Le Flore.

was going on. A painter, prudently perhaps anonymous, contributed a fake Veronese to the ceiling and lights, combining elements of the Gothic and the fin de siècle, were hung here and

> These disparate elements, less than enchanting when viewed separately, by some miracle combined to create an art deco ensemble so warm and welcoming that Marcellin Cazes (and after him, his son Roger) swore never to change a thing. This was the décor that greeted the guests at a grand inaugural banquet in December 1926 and this is the décor that greets you today.

Politics began to take precedence in the years coming up to the war (although 1934 saw the foundation of the Prix Cazes for literature) and the habitues included the likes of André Maginot of the misconceived Line, Leon Blum and Pierre Laval (another Auvergnat). And, far more important in the history of restauration, the young Roger Cazes began to appear at his father's side chez Lipp.

War put a stop to all that. Then, in 1944, Hemingway, who had written his pre-war dispatches for the Hearst press here, turned up to check out the cervelas remoulade (a pinkish cold sausage in a mustardy sauce, lovingly described in A Moveable writer, Simone de Beauvoir, was scribbling daily over at the Deux Magots, Juliette Greco and Boris Vian were kitchen no bigger than that of a restaurant car. But the true miracle of Lipp is the welcoming (if that is the word) and making music at Le Tabou, and a swinging new version of St Germain des Près was

nd Lipp? Lipp stayed out of all that jazz. Lipp has always ignored fashion. "Les républiques passent, Lipp demeure." In the Fifties Balthus, Chagall, Albert Camus, Jean Genet, Françoise Sagan, Michele Morgan, Simone Signoret and Charles Trenet could have spotted me almost any night or noon, for I began my apprenticeship as an bitué in that epoch.

The cuisine, almost austere in its simplicity but copious in its portions, evolved too, under Roger's rule - but utterly without haste. In 1924, after much experimentation, the pickled Baltic herring (the Hareng Bismark on the menu today) was introduced, 1928 the grillades, 1957 the tête de veau, 1961 the brandade de Morue. The salade de crabe is a 1981 upstart. The exquisite millefeuille, another speciality seems always to have ality, seems always to have been on the menu and is best eaten (Roger Cazes was always happy to demonstrate) by turning it on its side; that way the iced surface isn't cracked and the creme patissiere isn't squished out. Order it and show off.

All of these simple splendours and more are served with superlative efficiency and the coffee is drinkable.

a day, and originate in a ing (if that is the word) and placing (or not) of the customers. Marcellin Cazes invented the art, but Roger perfected it.

Clad invariably in a strict grey suit the patron stood beneath the clock (which is traditionally seven minutes fast), facing the revolving door, in his hand a curious octagonal card. On this he wrote the names of those admitted to the hallowed precincts. Since you cannot reserve at Lipp, your fate is decided between the revolving door and the clock.

You should be warned that the late Roger Cazes's system still operates. If you are told that there is a wait of, say, 20 minutes, you can qount absolutely on that, and enjoy an aperitif on the terrace. If the time mentioned is an hour. and if that announcement is followed by the phrase "au moins", it is clear that the decent thing to do is leave town. (If it is any consolation, it is even harder to become waiter than a customer you have to be proposed),

When Roger Cazes died in 1987, Lipp stuttered for a while. But the machine is working smoothly again, under Roger's cousin, Michel. and Jean, the tall-one.

There have even been daying changes at table. You can now order wine en carafe And, breaking with a hallowed tradition dating back 50 years.

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THE TIMES COOK

Frances Bissell uses the heady flavours of the 'spice islands' to recapture the exotic tastes of Malaysia and Singapore

Herbs, spice, and all things nice

ne of the most interesting styles of cooking to be found in South East Asia is that of the Nonyas. These are women of the Straits Chinese families descended from the original Chilese settlers who came to the Maly peninsula and married into the local population. The cooking is a heady blend of subtle and vared textures and methods of the Chnese from Hokkien, mixed with tie powerful and aromatic spices of Malacca and the "spice" island. Indeed, Malacca is the home of the Nonya Baba or Peramkan culture, which is where the fist Chinese settlers came in the 14th century. Now you can find this narvellous food throughout the dalaysian peninsula and in

Those who enjoy curries will enjoy the spicy heat of the chillies. Other flavourings are also used, particularly coconut milk, which gives a mellowness to the finished dish. Fresh turmeric, galangal (a memoer of the ginger family). tamaind (a souring agent), lemon grass lime leaves and kaffir limes or nakrut are also used. These ingredients can now be found fresh in many Indian, Chinese and South East Asian shops, or in city marrets. If not, the Bart's range of spics includes dried galangal and

dried lemon grass.

Athough fresh is best when it cones to herbs and spices, I have cone across a range of readymixed dry spices and herbs which are ideal for this sort of food. Suzapore Spices is a small compary, set up in Singapore by two exatriate Americans who realized that one of the memories that viitors to this city-state like to take away with them is the food. Here ws a way of prolonging that remory by packaging spices for pople to recreate their favourite dshes at home. So, if you cannot fad the spices to make the Nonya cicken curry, there is a packet of expropriate spices in this range They also have a Singapore Sambal suce mix and mixes for the lalayan Rendang and the famous ish head curry, which are very uthentic. NET Foods, Brookland Farm, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset BS26 2NU (0934 712874) imports the mixes, which

are available by mail order for £! a

packet (minimum order six pack-

ets). They are also available at most

Safeway stores and selected deli-

catessens. Developed under the

spice mixes. Sharwood's has also introduced a new range of curry pastes, which can be used to make similar dishes.

Eating in Singapore at one of the hawker stalls, or kopi tiams, is a social occasion, and people know where to get the best Hokkien Mee or the most succulent satay. People will travel from all over the island to go to one particular stall. For this reason, the standards are very high and competition is fierce.

I thought it might be nice to recreate some of these South East Asian dishes, since we have a long weekend and a little more time for cooking and entertaining. The beef rendang is based on one we ate at Aziza's in Singapore, but I also checked the ingredients for the dish, originally from Sumatra, with Sri Owen's Indonesian and Thui Cookery (Piatkus, £8.95). The recipe for Hokkien Mee comes from Violet Oon, Singapore's first lady of food, who is not only a first-class Nonya cook but the editor, publisher and main feature writer of The Food Paper, a monthly tabloid about what's going on in Singapore's kitchens. She goes out several times a week with her makan, a gang of half a dozen 18year-old boys who have unending appetites. She introduced me to the food of the kopi tiams, coffee shops which bouse several cooks, each with a different speciality. The Nonya chicken curry recipe is based on one cooked by Mr Kasim. the Malaysian sous chef at the Regent Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. They serve it on the Palm Terrace, next to the swimming pool, sur-

tastes only slightly less wonderful away from this urban paradise. After all this spiciness, sliced pineapple, mango and papaya set on a bed of crushed ice will be the perfect way to finish. Chutneys, flat breads, hard-boiled eggs, spring onions and cucumber sticks can be served as accompaniments to the

rounded by palm trees. The curry

To make coconut milk from desiccated coconut (makes about 1½pt/850ml) 1lb/455g desiccated coconut

1½pt/850ml water Put the coconut and water in a saucepan, bring to the boil, and simmer for 5 minutes. Steep the coconut in the water until it has cooled to the point where you can put your finger in it without it burning. Pour the mixture into a no additives, fillers, or artificial and press out as much of the liquid colourings and flavours in these as possible. Cool and refrigerate

until required, but do not keep for more than a couple of days. 'Cream" will form on the top, which should be stirred back into the liquid for the following recipes. Coconut milk can also be made in the blender. Do it in two batches, using all the coconut but pouring 4pt/430ml hand-hot water, blending it and sieving it, and then returning the coconut to the blender for a second processing. The second extraction will be thinner than the first. The two should be mixed together for the following recipes.

> Beef Rendan (serves 6 to 8) 2lb/900g flank or shin beef

4 or 5 cloves garlic 2 medium onions 2 or 3 (or more to taste) red chillies

1in/2.5cm root ginger 11/2pt/850ml coconut milk 2tsp freshly grated turmeric or 1tsp ground turmeric and 1tsp freshly grated galangal or 1/stsp dried galangal

1 bay leaf 1 or 2 stems of fresh lemon grass salt

Cut the beef into 2in/5cm chunks, removing any excess fat and gristle. Peel and roughly chop the garlic and onions. Carefully seed and chop the chillies, and peel and chop the ginger. Grind these four ingredients together, in a pestle with a mortar or in a food processor. Put the meat in a heavy saucepan, deep frying pan or wok and stir in the pounded mixture. Cover with coconut milk, and stir in the turmeric and galangal. Add the bay leaf and the shredded lemon grass, from which you have removed any dry outer leaves that are beginning to wither. Bring the mixture to the boil, and let it simmer uncovered for 1½ to 2 hours. You can start to season the meat with salt towards the end of this cooking time, but use a light hand since the stew has to cook almost dry. If you have cooked it thus far in a saucepan, transfer it to a frying pan or wok, and continue cooking. By now the mixture is a quite dark, fragrant stew, and the oil is beginning to separate from the coconut milk in which the meat has cooked. Cook for a further 20 to 30 minutes, stirring fairly frequently to stop the stew from catching, until the oil and liquid has almost all been reabsorbed into

the meat. This dry stew is even better when



re-heated the next day. Serve it in the spice mixture. Fry for 5 to 10 with plain boiled rice or rice cooked in coconut milk. Nonya chicken curry

(serves 4 to 6) 3½lb/1.60kg free-range chicken

4tbsp groundnut oil 2 onions, peeled and chopped ½tsp satt

red chillies, seeded, to taste 1 med onion, peeled and chopped 1in/2.5cm fresh turmeric root, peeled and chopped 10 blanched almonds

2 lime leaves (optional) or use a bay leaf 4 stalks lemon grass 4-6tbsp good quality curry

11/2 pt/850ml coconut milk juice of a lime

Joint the chicken quite small, using poultry scissors to cut thighs in to two and breasts into several pieces. In a heavy frying pan, heat the oil, and fry the onions with the salt until lightly browned. Grind together the salt, chillies, onion, turmeric, almonds, lime leaves, lemon grass and curry powder, and add this paste to the pan. Fry for 5 to 8 minutes until fragrant, adding a little coconut milk if the mixture shows signs of catching. Add the shells, and fry them in 2 tablechicken pieces, and turn them well spoons of oil in a heated wok or

minutes, and then pour in the coconut milk. Bring to the boil. partially cover, and simmer for 30 to 35 minutes or until the chicken is tender and cooked through. Just before serving, stir in the lime juice. Add more salt if necessary, and serve with rice or one of the Indian flat breads.

Hokkien Mee (fried noodles) (serves 4 to 6) 1lb/455g fresh or dried thin noodles, prepared according to the instruction on the package and refreshed under cold water. Leave

In a colander set in a bowl of cold water until ready for 1/2/1b/230g med size raw prawns.

usually sold headless and frozen 5tbsp groundnut oil 1/230g belly pork in a piece 1 med onion

6 garlic cloves 1/230g bean sprouts 2oz/60g garlic chives or spring onions 2 or 3 small slender leeks

2tsp salted soya beans or Japanese miso paste Wash the prawns. Shell them and remove the intestinal vein. Dry and put to one side. Pound the frying pan until bright red. Pour on ½pt/280ml water, bring to the boil, and strain for stock. Discard the shells. Put the piece of pork in the wok, cover with water, bring to the boil, and simmer for half an hour. Strain off the stock and reserve. When the pork is cool enough to handle, cut into small pieces and put to one side. Peel, chop and pound the onion

and garlic to a paste. Blanch the bean sprouts in boiling water for 2 to 3 minutes, drain and put to one side. Wash the chives and leeks, and slice them thinly.

To assemble the dish, place the

wok or frying pan over a high heat. Fry the onion and garlic in the remaining oil until fragrant and golden brown. Stir in the crushed salted soy beans or miso paste, and fry until the oil separates out again. Add the pork, and fry until browned. Stir-fry the prawns until they become pink and opaque. Add the leeks and garlic chives, with the two stocks. Bring to the boil and simmer for a minute or two. At this point, add a seasoning of 1/2tsp salt. 1/2tsp sugar, 2tsp light soya sauce. 2tsp dark soya sauce and a grinding or two of pepper. Drain the noodles thoroughly, and add them and the bean sprouts to the wok. Stir-fry until bubbling nicely. Serve

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DRINK

Sweeten and stir

he announcement that sorbitol has been found in 14 Chilean wines follows the concerns I expressed several weeks ago that the wine trade will always suffer from scares. The chief culprits named so far are the companies of Vina Santa Rita, Viña San Pedro and Viña Linderos, whose sorbitol-laced wines have all been removed from sale.

Sorbitol, unlike many unauthorized substances found in wine in recent years, is not harmful to humans and is permitted in food products. It is a sweetener which often occurs naturally in fruits such as apples and pears. Some wine-makers use it to round off their wines, and to give a suggestion of richness and ripeness that the grapes may have lacked. Sorbitol also often crops up in modestly priced wines from countries where the price of grapes has suddenly increased. Winemakers eke out the costly grape juice with cheaper apple or pear juice, vinify the two together and sell the product cheaply.

Given that the end result tastes different and, according to some might even taste better spiked in this way, why does sorbitol not become an authorized wine additive? This, I think, is missing the point were should be made from grapes, and grapes alone. Wine is not a constant product, and its producers should resist the temptation to make it so, allowing vintage and varietal variations to shine through

The grapevine has also been humming recently with news that more price increases in champagne are probable. This latest round stems from a breakdown in the six-year contract between the region's grape growers and powerful champagne houses. Pre-viously, 47 per cent of their champagne harvest, for a fixed annual price per kilo, went from the region's 16,000 growers straight into the big producers presses. Most of the rest was turned into champagne by the region's cooperatives, leaving only a small proportion to be bottled

reports on the latest scares in the wine industry ERIC BEAUMONT

Jane MacQuitty



by the growers. As demand for champagne increases. growers, according to the producers, have become too greedy. Many, the producers say, were pressing their own grapes and holding on to the wine, selling it later at inflated prices as vins clairs, still wine. or even as partially finished champagne, vins sur lattes.

In the run-up to the renewal of the contract, the growers told the big houses that all they could spare was 43 per cent of their crop. The produc-

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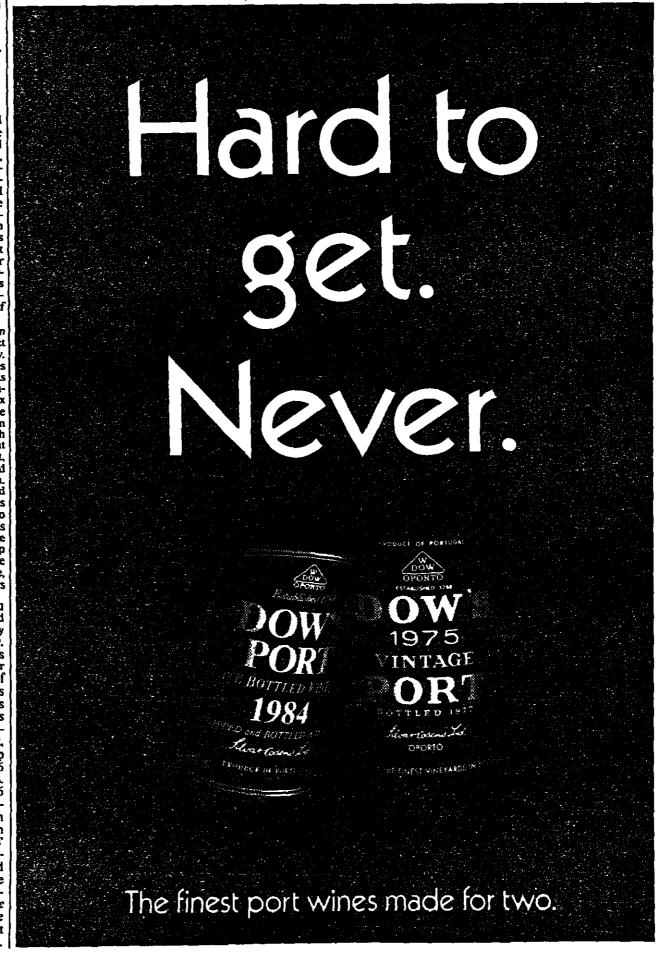
● 1986 (Sodi di S. Niccolo tellare, Oddbins, £14.99 This Italian red is made entirely from the Sangiovese grape and aged in new, nall. French oak barrels for 18 months. The results are spectacular: a rich, velvety mouthful.

• 1989 Saumur Blanc, jestic, £2.99 This elegant, chalky wine, due in mid-May, comes from the Cave Co-op des Vignerons de Saumur, one of the Loire's best cooperative organizations

ers sensibly refused to be held to ransom. So, instead of the old fixed contract, there will now be a "free" market, allowing for a better relationship between supply and demand. In place of the fixed price will be a "reference price", which will allow growers to negotiate direct with producers. This is good news for growers in the region's best areas, who will now get higher prices for their grapes. However, for consumers it means yet another increase in champagne prices and the end of £9.55 supermarket bubbly. Anyone who has a passion

for this delectable product should buy champagne now. Majestic Wine Warehouses has several new names on its shelves and, while the nonvintage Jestin and Devaux Rose are worth avoiding, the two vintage wines from Charles de Serronet are worth seeking out. The 1976 Brut from Monsieur de Serronet, with its deep buttercup-gold colour and lovely, rich, biscuity taste, is delicious, and is good value for a wine of this age (£15.99). You will have to hurry, as Majestic only has 120 cases. The non-vintage Brut Rose wine has a deep pink colour, a musky perfume and a musky-fruity style, reminiscent of raspberries (£11.99).

As usual, champagne and sparkling wine hunters should visit Oddbins before they make their selections for May. This month Oddbins is extending its champagne offer of seven bottles for the price of six to include sparkling wines priced at £6 and over. This will mean that classy Oddbins sparklers such as New Zealand's non-vintage, elegant, biscuity Lindauer will drop from £6.49 a bottle to £5.56 when it arrives in three weeks. Similarly, Australia's fine '86 Seaview Pinot Noir-Chardonnay will go down from £6.99 a bottle to £5.99. In honour of this offer, Oddbins' branches will have free instore tastings on May 12 and 26. Among the bottles at these tastings will be Spain's muchimproved light methode champenoise non-vintage Anna de Codorniu Brut (£6.39, but £5.48 in the offer).





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Actually, I think Entity likes Petite Liquorelle as well. THINK PETITE Prine Liquerelle. From the house of Moët & Chandon.

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Messages received but not understood

out of the Falklands War seems almost a contradiction. Those curious few weeks of 1982 were among the most emotional in living memory. In retrospect the episode looks more and more like a page out of The Nursery History of England. Perhaps it is time for a book of demythology. The authors of this one are historians of strategy, concerned with the upper echelons of war making. It is, as they put it, a book written from the top looking down, emphatically not from the bottom looking up.

This is a joint English-Argentinian venture. Freedman is professor and head of the department of war studies at King's College in London. Gamba-Stonehouse visiting senior research fellow in the same department, which might seem a bizarre posting for a former research officer to Costa Mendez. In fact the authors claim that "the ease of their co-operation says something about the natural relationship between Britain and Argentina". Ah well.

They employ the Two-Way Family Favourites technique ("Over to you, Virginia. And how's the weather looking today in Buenos Aires?"). It has to be said the professor performs better: Virginia at times comes over somewhat stilted. But the dual approach provides some valuable insights, not just into the conduct of the war, but into its true origins. This book is fascinating on the notion of asymmetry, the deep-rooted sameness yet difference of attitude. In Britain in the early months of 1982, few people really cared about the Falklands, but those who did cared strongly. In Argentina, everybody

It is a book of messages and misconstructions. In those early days mixed signals had been reaching Argentina. Three years of deliberations on the possibility of leaseback, allowing Argentina titular sovereignty to the Falklands Fiona MacCarthy on a joint

English/Argentinian attempt to

demythologize the slow-motion

confusions of the Falklands War

emphasize well the general sense

not of belligerence but more of total

hopelessness in British contingency

planning towards showdown. As they put it, "the most striking feature of British policy during 1981 was the decision to make it

more difficult to cope with a

their main themes is the frequency

with which the grand schemes of

the policymakers are frustrated by

simple confusions, by eccentricities of diplomatic behaviour, by the sheer unpredictability of military

operations. In the case of the

Falklands it was of course the

slowness, imprinted on the memory

of all of us who watched night after

night on our television screens the

snail's pace progress of the task

force in mid-ocean. It all started to

seem lunacy, reminding one of Robin Day's most disconcerting question of whether it is possible in

an age of a free press and television

ever to sustain support over a

period for what at first appears to

heard before about General Moore,

who travelled to the Falklands with

a demon image of General Menen-dez in his baggage. He was follow-ing the example of Montgomery in North Africa in the Second World

War. It was only when Moore met

the General at the surrender nego-

tiations that he realized he had

vented his aggression on a portrait

of the wrong General Menendez.

(There were five of them in total in

This book tells a story I have not

These are ironists, and one of

confrontation should one arise".

SIGNALS OF WAR: THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT OF 1982 By Lawrence Freedman and Virginia Gamba-Stonehouse Faber, £17.50

but allowing a British administration to continue, had been abandoned abruptly. On the other hand, the British were showing no interest in building up their economic and military position as an alternative to serious negotiation with Buenos Aires. But had the Argentinians failed to convey a sufficient sense of threat to compel those in London to take them seriously?

Are there answers to such questions? Obviously not. But it is the uncertainties that interest the authors, who present us with a gourmet guide to diplomatic signalling. States in dispute communicate both resolve and compromise, often simultaneously. By and large they do not do it very well. The fault lies with the recipients as often as the senders of the signals. All of which sounds like a metaphor for modern married life.

The authors refuse, annoyingly, to be drawn on the question of sovereignty, maintaining they have both addressed the subject in earlier works. (Standard excuse of the lazy academic?) They deign only to tell us that neither case is watertight and that ownership of the Falklands has in practice always been settled by force. But they do

the Argentinian Army.) The authors are attuned to the considerable element of the surreal in the battle for the Falklands. It pervades their accounts of what they see as the key incidents: the Argentinian occupation on April 2; the sinking of the Belgrano; the battle for Goose Green.

With her personal contacts with the ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, it is disappointing that Gamba-Stonehouse has not thrown more light on the Costa Mendez over-tures to Fidel Castro. In fact her report seems based mainly on the earlier Cardoso account of that intriguing incident, including Cas-tro's hardly encouraging suggestion that the Argentinians' best hope was rain and snow. Ready-made documentation is stronger on the British side, as a count-up of the bibliography proves quickly, and although the authors claim to have conducted many interviews the text suggests it is the British who have proved the most accessible (or less neurotic?) of interviewees. In what purports to be an even-handed study the balance of material is not, one feels, ideal.

This is a long well-organized, and interesting book. Its main problem is of course that the mythology is there, and the Falklands are very hard to demyth-ologize without the result seeming rather flat and academic.

I think the authors ought to have allowed themselves more leeway in discussing the sexual role of Mrs Thatcher in the war negotiations. They need not go so far as Marina Warner did in her Monuments & Maidens in aligning the Prime Minister with phallic power as the armed female victor, symbolizing sexual energy channelled to a

But they could, in their remit, have considered the whole Boadicea and Britannia tradition. Do signals of war emanating from a female officer differ from those that



Better to give than to receive

TAKE a French professor, especially one at the crème de la crème of French institutions (Collège de France), and you are guaranteed gigantic tomes covering vast subjects, groaning under massive, probably Marxist, theoretical matrices, rampant with "-ismes", and informing us that something called Society spends most of its time Oppressing Itself. Why it but it never seems quite polite to ask. Veyne follows the pattern in weight of tome and scope of subject, though Oswyn Murray has brilliantly cut him down to size (an 800-page original becomes fewer than 500 in Murray's edition), and provides one resounding "-ism" -"euergetism", but otherwise there is hardly a matrix in sight, let alone a Markist one (if I say the book is almost *empirical*, that is to accuse Veyne of conduct unbecoming a French scholar, and will probably

bring a libel suit). It is tempting to play Word-Watching with "euergetism" and define it as (a) a benign form of crop disease, (b) a theory of energy saving, or (c) private liberality for public benefit. Everyone who has done Greek will know the answer is (c), but it is important for Veyne's case to make clear that evergetism is different from exchange. Reciprocity lies at the heart of exchange. But the energetist gives because the recipient cannot give back, or, if he

can give back, the gift will be incommensurate with the original. The basic thesis of the work is that the Marxist interpretation of **Peter Jones**

BREAD AND CIRCUSES By Paul Veyne Translated by Brian Pearce Introduction by Oswyn Murray Allen Lane, £20

new?) when it armes that "bread and circuses" and other massive donations from individuals, especially emperors, to the public (amphitheatres, libraries, baths, public dinners, etc) were intended to stupefy them into political inertia. By sifting through all the evidence - and that evidence increases year by year, as more and more inscriptions are excavated -Veyne argues that not only were such gifts perceived as duties (they were what the rich were for: this has interesting repercussions for our understanding of economics in the ancient world), but that there were other motives for giving than political opportunism, economic kickback, or class solidarity.

Veyne's evidence is built up from and deployed over three main periods: Hellenistic Greece, Republican Rome, and the Roman Empire. He traces the origins of euergetism through Homer and classical Athens, and shows how the taxes levied on the wealthy in classical Athens for the performance of certain state duties (Leitourgiai, whence "liturgy") became voluntary munificence, often



Kirk Douglas in Roman circus

on a staggering scale, in the Hellenistic world. Moving on to the Roman Republic, he tries to demonstrate that senators did not use donations to buy off voters - they did not need the plebs to wield power - but to acquire prestige, express their grandeur, win a place in men's hearts: they wanted to be ioved. And the same was true for the emperors. They were above politics. Besides, were they not gods? With the emperor, euergetism becomes what it has always threatened to become: pure

symbolic activity. Well, up to a point. Ceausescu might have agreed until December 25, 1989. But the emperors were not as divorced from their people as Veyne seems to think (correspondence, personal petitions and embassies flooded into their palaces, wherever they went). Again, it

may be the case that purest altruism ruled unchallenged in the snowy breast of the average Roman senator, but it is very difficult to tell simply from an inscription. Who knows what connections might not be made, what hostages to fortune not lodged, beneath the bland

This seems to me to be one nub of the problem. Unless we have about the donor, we cannot generalize about his motives in scattering largesse to the recipients. Veyne, of course, is perfectly well aware of this, but does not seem to me to take it sufficiently into

The second nub (if problems can have two) is that reciprocity, quid pro quo, is at the absolute centre of ancient thinking — political, moral, social, legal, philosophical, linguistic, even scientific. Consequently. I regard it as almost certain that a Roman considered the donation of (say) an amphitheatre to his home town as a quid demanding some quo, and that if that quo took the shape of something as ill-defined as increased gloria, it was a quo well worth quidding for.

It is a mark of the success of Veyne's thesis that the mere mention of the word "evergetism" before historians these days will spark off the most informed and vigorous round-table nodding. Now that Veyne's influential book is so easily accessible - Pearce's translation and Murray's introduction are both first-class - nodding levels may dip somewhat.

SPEAKERS of English worldwide agree on how to spell practically all words but differ over how to say so many that, for centuries, large dictionaries have existed dedicated entirely to pronunciations.

The biggest and best of them has just appeared. It has more than 800 pages, is as hefty as the Concise Oxford Dictionary, and gives highly detailed information on the different ways that more than 75,000 words are pronounced in the standard varieties of British and American English.

It tells you, in addition, exactly are pronounced in their original languages, whatever these may be, from Albanian to Zulu. All this information, which includes the names of innumerable people and places, as well as ordinary words, is given in the International Phonetic Alphabet. This set of symbols is now almost universal in serious dictionaries, from the new edition of the great Oxford Dictionary down. For the English items at least, it isn't too difficult to handle,

using the key provided. The author of the Longman Pronunciation Dictionary is Professor John Wells of University College London, unquestionably the world's greatest authority on English pronunciation.

His book is particularly aimed at foreign users of English, who are caused endless confusion by the constant ambiguity and frequent disinformation of our spellings. But it will interest native speakers as well, because it presents primarily a modernized version of the most prestigious and least localizable British variety of pronunciation, which Wells, like most British academics, unfortunately still per-

Ovvissly not one of us

Jack Windsor Lewis

THE LONGMAN **PRONUNCIATION DICTIONARY** Edited by J. C. Wells Longman, £12.95, paperback £7.95

sists in referring to by the ridiculously archaic, parochial, and question-begging term of Received Pronunciation.

British pronunciations in common educated use that don't fall within this most OK type are identified by a dagger, which indicates that they are correct, but not customary in the South-East. and consequently not recommended for adoption by foreigners. A third category, in widespread use among educated speakers, but not considered standard or generally seen as incorrect, is indicated with a

traffic-style warning triangle. Purists will grind their teeth to see items such as always with no !sound classified simply as standard variants. But Wells is usually right. Most of us have said a ways at least some of the time, including even the Queen and Lord Olivier. Wells rates as standard pronunci-

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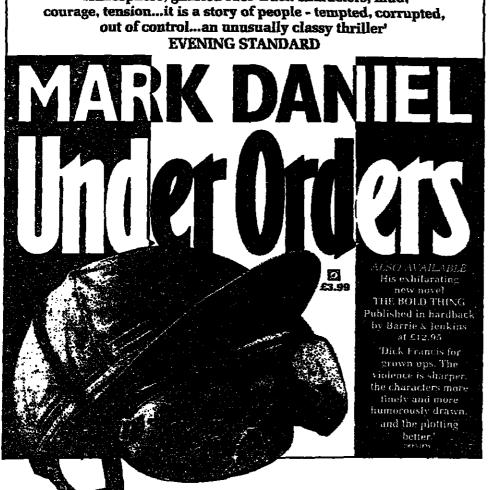
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Inside the outsider

THERE are three fundamental dramas in American literature. There is the arrival in a complicated Eden; the discovery of space, that extraordinary distance between coasts; and the recognition that even plenitude has its limits. However, between the acts there are quieter interludes, a literature of the hinterland that treats America as a given, a place in itself, rather than as a problem, Europe's mirror. Oddly perhaps, that second, un-Puritan tradition finds its purest expression in the work of William Carlos Williams and the novelist John Dos Passos, both of whom helped create a uniquely American speech, and in the process a deep critical misunder-

William Goyen drew very much the same breath and has suffered even greater neglect. Born in 1915 in Trinity, 80 miles north of Houston in the east Texas wetlands, he died in 1983, and his British reputation is almost entirely

None of Goyen's work was quite so purely autobiographical as his first novel, *The House of Breath*, published exactly 40 years ago. It is the chronical of Boy Ganchion's coming to terms with his native place (Trinity becomes "Charity") and with his need to find a language, or "breath", commensurate with it.

Some readers have found Goyen's style a shade too breathless and rhapsodic (Stephen Spender **Brian Morton**

THE HOUSE OF BREATH By William Goyen Serpent's Tail, £7.99

very acutely identified an element of "hysteria" in his imagination). His best-known book in Britain before Serpent's Tail began their rehabilitation was Savata, My Fair earlier short story that recalls the high-camp of James Purdy or substandard Truman Capote rather than Goyen's real genius, which is for a highly emotional rendition of isolated places and the lost outsider figures who inhabit them. His posthumous Arcadio, about a hermaphrodite, and the stories about loners in Had I a Hundred Mouths, are all the more effective for being far removed from the

normal conventions of realism It is tempting to say of The House Breath what T.S. Eliot said of Djuna Barnes's Nightwood, that it was the kind of novel that appealed primarily to people who read poetry, except that, despite Eliot's disclaimer, this has always been taken as a criticism. As with Faulkner, it often is not clear how much Goyen is in control of his material and how much possessed by it - "I never said anything, but only waited for some speech that the breath of the house was

breathing into me."

I WAS recently reminded of the civilized tradition of English crime writing at a conference in Washington aimed at bringing together all those, writers and fans, interested in the domestic crime novel. More than 300 American women, and maybe 20 men, came to the capital to celebrate the writings of those who follow in the steps of Agatha Christie. Whodunits, at least in the States, are

alive, well and much sought after.

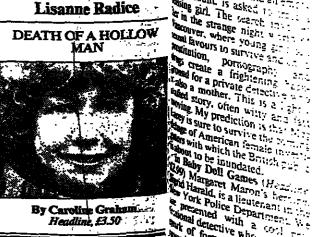
Caroline Graham's Death of a Hollow Man is set very much in that particular tradition. This is a typical locked-room mystery of which Agatha Christie would have been proud. It is a nicely rounded detective story with an involved plot which is technically satisfying, as well as being a perceptive commentary on modern manners. There is the slow unwinding of the plot, character vignettes which remain in the memory ("Clive and Donald . . . preening and clucking like a couple of cassowaries. circled the two chairs cautiously before perching") and the comfortable knowledge that the reader's sense of security will remain undiminished. However frightening the outside world, they will be certain that moral principles will survive and that the murderer will be unmasked.

In Death of a Hollow Man Detective Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby, Caroline Graham's Poirot, attends the first night of the Causton Amateur Dramatic Society's production of Amadeus because of his loyalty to his wife, a lowly member of the cast. Behind the scenes the company bickers, the leading man throws violent tem-

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DEATH OF A HOLLOW MAN



By Caroline Graham Headline, £3.50

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THE myth that Hitlerite Germany waged a "preventive war" against the Soviet Union has become a vital component of anti-Com-munist ideology employed by world imperialism to camouflage its own militaristic essence. Bourgeois propaganda continues to warn about the "expansionist plans of the Soviets", and the "Soviet m.litary threat". As the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU, Mikhail Gorbachov, remarked on the solemn occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Soviet people's victory in the Great Patriotic War: "The malicious myth of a 'Soviet military threat', once loudly mouthed by the Nazis, is alive to this day."

The reader's reaction to the opening paragraph of this review is complex. He knows that Mikhail Gorbachov has a new and different title, and that terms like "anti-Communist ideology" or "bourgeois propaganda" have all but vanished of late, even from the official Soviet vocabulary. On the other hand, he knows equally well that the "Soviet military threat" is , more, if only because he believes that the Soviet economy is in a shambles. There is certainly no doubt in his mind that Nazi Germany waged a war of aggression against Russia, a traumatic experience that made its leaders mistrust the West. And if he is a professor of Soviet studies at St Antony's College, Oxford, he may even suspect that such mistrust is historic, its roots going back to the Tartar yoke, or at least Napoleon.

The answer to the question of whether or not "Hitlerite Germany waged a 'preventive war' against he Soviet Union" in June 1941 is ndeed a "vital component" of any oberent historical world-view. In apport of this claim, I now reveal he author of my opening paragraph. He is General Zhilin, writing in the Soviet Army newspaper Red Star on September 24, 1985, to rebut the thesis of Viktor Suvorov's Icebreaker, publicized in the RUSI Journal, a British military review. in June of that year. Since "bourgeois propaganda" is not monolithic, it is impossible to identify every perception of the general's "vital component" accepted as valid in the West, yet the startling thing is that contrary to his credal assertion, the sum total of all these perceptions is contiguous to his historical world-view, not adversarial to it. In short, everyone in the world agrees that the question is vital, yet everyone in the West accepts that the Red Star's anwer is ssentially correct.

Viktor Suvorov is not arguing with the Red Star. He is arguing vith every book, every article, very film, every Nato directive, every Downing Street assumption, very Pentagon clerk, every academic, every Communist and anti-Communist, every neoconservative intellectual, every Soviet song, poem, novel, and piece of music issued, produced, or born during the last 50 years. For this reason alone, Icebreaker is the most original work of history it has been my privilege to read. In and of itself, of course, originality does no more than whet our appetite for truth.

I can only say that this book is equal to the mind-boggling claim it makes on the reader's attention. It cannot be compared with Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago or Robert Conquest's Great Terror, because its revelations are fundamental to the understanding of totalitarianism. The book's significance lies in its phenom-Crological approach, which uncovers the essence of totalitarianism - strategic deception - with analytical rigour that would make Euclid, not to mention Kant, recognize Suvorov as a spiritual peer. To be sure, like every other pigneer historian of Soviet Russia Andrei Navrozov

ICEBREAKER Who Started the Second World War? By Viktor Suvorey Translated by Thomas B. Beattie Hamish Hamilton, £16.99

from Melgunov on, Suvorov focuses on what is ostensibly an isolated issue. He proves that Stalin was using Hitler as his "icebreaker" to crush democracy in Western Europe, while preparing to invade Germany and occupy, or "lib-erate", Western Europe in the summer of 1941. Yet the issue is less isolated from the whole of Soviet foreign policy, and the whole of the West's response to it since 1941, than the issue of whether or not Lenin, Stalin, or for that matter Gorbachov, was or is a bad man.

I have not invoked the names of Euclid and Kant by accident. Icebreaker reads like a breathtakingly elegant theorem, Suvorov's intellect an industrial grinder of received wisdom reminiscent in its power of Coleridge's favourite epi-thet for Kant, "Allbecrushing". On Suvorov's behalf, I challenge any publication, specialized or popular, to solicit a rebuttal of a single one of Icebreaker's syllogisms, providing its author — unlike the Red Star with equal space for an allbe-

crushing reply.

One corollary attendant on Suvorov's argument deserves spe-cial mention. It shows that Stalin was neither mad nor a fool, and comes rather close to my own conviction that he was, in fact, a strategist of genius. "You are the last admirer of Stalin left on this earth, my friend," the Oxford historian Norman Stone once told me. "My father was probably the only man in Russia to have voted against Stalin when Stalin was alive," I answered, "and now that he is dead I see no reason to betray our family tradition of non-conformism." Because if Stalin was no



fool, perhaps Gorbachov is not, after all, a man we can do business with. If he was no madman. perhaps those who believe that today's Soviet economy is in a shambles are themselves emonot least, if the history of the 20th century has been written, and nonconformists who strive to reopen debate are merely neo-Nazi revisionists, why does Suvorov, apparently a neo-Stalinist revisionist like myself, so vex General

Going against the tide of editorial opinion, as Winston Churchill once went against it, David Owen wrote recently that "what we have witnessed in Moscow over the last decade is a transfer of power from the Communist Party to the KGB" "Discrediting the Party", he went on, was done in part by "pinning the blame for economic decay on Stalin's legacy". Not tied to the Kremlin by a special relationship, Dr Owen is an honest man reading the newspapers more attentively than the rest of us. When he reads-Suvorov, he may well become the Churchill of our time.

IF TOM Driberg's name is better known today than that of many living and major politicians (let alone dead and minor ones), that has a lot to do — as the title of this book implies — with his indiscretions. His lasting achievement was slight. Without his indiscretions there would have been a niche for him in the temple been a niche for him in the temple of British socialism, probably in a side chapel; and Anglo-Catholicism would have granted him a panel of stained glass. But it is unlikely that he would have been felt worthy of such an entertaining and brilliantly written biography as this one. Yet

there could have been a bit more to

him than meets the eye. All Tom Driberg ever wanted, Francis Wheen tells us, was to commit fellatio. Actually that wasn't quite the limit of his fancy: he liked his fellation to be working-class and, if possible, with workingclass men previously unknown to him; and he relished the danger in committing what was, for most of his life, an offence punishable with imprisonment. Almost as important as the gratification itself was the sense of getting away with it. Many favourite Driberg tales turn not so much on the act itself as on narrow squeaks in its perfor-

Doubtless his mother was to blame. An early escapade, gleefully described by its perpetrator, was designed to epater not so much the bourgeoisie as Mrs Driberg. On holiday with Driberg mêre (the story goes), young Tom climbed to

The boy who wanted to shock his mother

Ben Pimlott

TOM DRIBERG: His Life and Indiscretions By Francis Wheen Chatto & Windus, £18

the top of a lighthouse alone. There he met a handsome keeper. "Contact was instant, consummation almost as quick." Five minutes later the family was reunited. "What a long time you were up there, dear." "Well, it was a lovely view, mother." In later life, the narrative repeated itself often, with the Establishment standing in for

Such anecdotes, of course, needed an audience. Many found their way into Driberg's scatological (and posthumously published) memoirs, Ruling Passions, which were written for a fat fee when the elderly reprobate was on his uppers. How many of them are true, and how many wishful thinking? Driberg's compulsive sexual habit is beyond dispute, and so is his

embroidery, and the author of this biography may have been too easily tempted by his subject's selfportrait as a decadent drifter.

Ruling Passions presented Tom's journey through life as a succession of picaresque accidents. Yet it was not chance that caused Driberg, well known for his Daily Express William Hickey gossip column, to stand for Parliament as an independent, at a time (during the wartime electoral truce) when he could beat the system and win; that took him into the Labour Party in time to benefit from the 1945 landslide; and that gained him a coveted place on Labour's Executive - all within eight years. The reality, indeed, eems to have been one of hard work (he was a passionately careful writer), political horse-sense, and shrewd career traces.

Where many politicians hide their vulnerabilities under a cloak competence and conviction, with Driberg it was the other way round. The cynicism was only partly genuine. While dismissing the Chapman Pincher notion that Driberg was some kind of doubleagent (not even MI5 or the KGB

Driberg: "He was a good man"

could be so silly), Wheen points to a similarity between Driberg and his friend Guy Burgess in character: both combined a hatred of the middle-class from which they sprang with a hand-biting love of aristocracy, and a sympathy for the sunken mass. In Driberg's case the

concern for the proletariat, though patriotic, had its comic side; as in his exultation of the valiant British Tommy during the Korean War, which had obvious per at injustice overtones. But his anger at injustice - often involving people who had fallen foul of the law - was sincere and effective. At the same time, his outsiderdom equipped him with a sharp eye for the pomposity and cant of others (if not always of

Wheen linked Driberg to "a recognizable male homosexual subculture in the Anglo-Catholic movement. There has also been, of course, a similar sub-culture in left-wing politics. Yet Driberg was not marginal to the socialist movement: he was part of the mainstream. Not only did he manage to gain election to Labour's NEC, he remained one of its most popular members for 22 years. At a time when active Labour Party members were more politically serious than today, that says something about him or them.

Perhaps they were simply conned; alternatively they were able to see through the artifice. Or a bit of both. Wheen's book suspends the final judgement on Driberg between the verdict of Evelyn Waugh ("satanic") and that of A.J.P. Taylor ("If I were asked if I had ever known a good man, I should reply: "Yes, Tom Driberg was a good man'."); and the reader is left with him as a part-sinister, part-ludicrous, part-compelling joker in the political pack.

The gangster and the gentleman

BRECHT is the gangster of 20thcentury literature. His energy, his legerdemain, his brutality - all these odd qualities can be found demonstrated in the pages of this volume of poems and songs from his plays. They are odd, perhaps, only in modern terms. Compare Brecht with Villon or Rimbaud, and he begins to look less strange.

He was without doubt the greatest German poet of his generation, and there is a school of thought not entirely political in tone which holds that he was also the greatest dramatist Germany has ever produced, not forgetting Kleist and Schiller. It is as a poet that John Willet, his editor and translator. here invites us to consider him, in a volume intended as a companion to the splendid Bertolt Brecht: Poems 1913-1956, issued by the same publisher some 14 years ago. What we have now are some 170 additional poems and songs taken from the plays, and admirably Englished. As John Willet says: "Many of us still find the songs, with their marvellous settings and their power to attract outstanding performers, the simplest and most direct way into all Brecht's work. Hear them, and at once you know the man was something very

Oh! Moon of Alabama We now must say good-bye We've lost our good old mamma Oh! You know why.

don't think that this absolutely needs either Weill's music or Lenya's voice to achieve the spinechilling effect which for me it always has when I hear recordings of Mahagonny. Nor, in an even stranger way, is it quite necessary for the auditor or reader to know that Brecht is satirizing certain traditions of American popular music and culture. What we encounter here is a magic that transcends its conscious intentions. Brecht's intellectual Marxism was always at best transformed by a temperamental anarchism, which means that even when he set out to write propaganda he could not keep the poetry out. The result is sometimes coarse, and frequently banal, but both coarseness and banality seem part of the price this poet is prepared to pay. I cannot

POETRY

Robert Nye

BERTOLT BRECHT Poems & Songs from the Plays Edited and mainly translated by John Willet Methuen, £17,99 COLLECTED POEMS By Enoch Powell Bellew Publishing, £9.95

think of another 20th-century writer capable of writing stuff of such sheer singability. Auden, for instance, appears anaemic and academic in comparison, as well as being Brecht's rather feeble

Enoch Powell is, of course, on a quite different political tack, and probably by temperament a gentleman. He wrote verses only when young, but his Collected Poems, as now put together with a foreword and a postscript, show his talent in this direction to have been genuine if undeniably slight. Housman and Tennyson, as he notes himself, are the principal influences, but the best of his lines combine that kind of English sadness with an Attic

But when the spring to hill and Returned in warmth and rain. The torture of the trees in bloom

Stung me to speech again.

The drawback to these poems is their technical conventionality, and the fact that constraint in itself never becomes for the noet a source of inspiration. Powell's merit is that his poems are about something real and moving the prospect of death in war, and then guilt at

As to where the poet went, he would answer that the same voice may be heard in his politics: "It was an ex-poet whom my fellow countrymen still today, more fitfully, hear admonishing them still. The words, and the compulsion to utter them, are drawn, I suspect, from the same source, though long since hidden underground, as the poetry which has now been reprinted in this volume."

Hot conservation issue: the destruction of the rainforest, as viewed by illustrator Tony Ross

Green without the grim

CHILDREN'S books have always offered hospitality to homespun philosophers, and Green issues have, for the last 20 years or so, had them queuing at the door. Picturebook admonitions, such as Helen Cowcher's recent Antarctica (Andre Deutsch, £5.95), have been especially prevalent; but now it seems that more direct appeals are in

many of them will be like the recent Blue Peter Green Book, published by the BBC, allied to Messrs Sainsbury's, which qualifies for some sort of prize as a waste of resources in itself. It has all the manic disorder of those avuncular adolescents who "present" children's television, scattering barely decipherable pictures across little patches of text and squawking out cries for action: "Form a group", "Never waste electricity". But nobody ever tells us what to do about heavy lorries, beiching forth black fumes and driven by men who look

like all-in wrestlers.) Fortunately The Young Green Consumer Guide avoids much of this ill-directed enthusiasm. Although it costs no more than the Blue Peter book it is far more substantial in its coverage of relevant topics, and far more rational in the way that it discusses them.

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

THE YOUNG GREEN CONSUMER GUIDE By John Elkington and Julia Hailes Illustrated by Tony Ross

"The Issues", it says, and launches into an account of current concerns with a fair degree of unemotional objectivity (unless you are prepared to be moved by the prettily illustrated information that methane levels rise when animals fart).

It then proceeds to a long series of intelligent and manageable sugges-tions for ways in which children can help. I particularly liked the revival of the old dodge of getting. the young to persuade their elders

The authors' tacit acceptance that solving Green issues is, in some ways, more difficult than doing nothing about them at all, gives the book an honest sobriety. Exclamation marks are healthily avoided - and Tony Ross's coloured caricatures assure us that Green does not necessarily have to

Needless to say, there is also a full explanation of the eminently Green pedigree in the matter of printing and binding.

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beautifully written crime novel. I suspect we are in for a proliferation of female private eye nvestigators - the success of Sara Paretsky has seen to that. In Ladies' Night (Virago, £4.99), Elisabeth Bowers's heroine, Meg Lacey, a divorced mother of teenage children with a conscience and an empty bank account, is asked to trace a missing girl. The search involves her in the strange night world of Vancouver, where young girls sell sexual favours to survive and child prostitution, pornography and drugs create a frightening background for a private detective who k also a mother. This is a lightly crafted story, often witty and fast moving. My prediction is that Meg Lacev is sure to survive the coming

deluge of American female investi-

is about to be inundated. In Baby Dell Games (Headline. £2.99) Margaret Maron's heroine, Sigrid Harald, is a licutenant in the New York Police Department. We are presented with a cool professional detective who, again by a quirk of fortune, is called in to investigate the killing on stage of a brilliant young dancer. This is another locked-room mystery with the cast supplying the main suspects. It is perhaps unfortunate that Maron and Graham should have been published simultaneously. I we we have none of that meticulous examination of character, that careful arrangement of plot and counter plot, the interesting unfolding of the detection process. Maron's heroine remains a slightly wooden character, while her probing into possible motives fails to bring the actors to life.

Killer bimbo on the loose

Joseph Connolly

AMBITION



By Julie Burchill Corgi, £3.99

THE protagonist in this ill-written and sordid little tale is Susan Street, deputy editor of a sleazy tabloid, The Sunday Best. Her ambition is to be editor, she therefore kills the existing editor in the bed they are sharing, and agrees with the paper's proprietor (an American who is called Tobias X. Pope, Pm afraid) to undergo six tasks so that she may assume the editorial chair. The first of these is to have her head tattooed with the word "Sold", and the remainder all require her to act as a

whore in various demeaning ways which she enjoys immeasurably. Pope also ends up dead in the bed they are sharing, and so Susan marries his son — who shouldn't, I suggest, make too many long-term

The unremitting awfulness of Susan is paraded over nearly 400 pages, and is studded with unpleasant - and unerotic - sexual set-pieces in hotel rooms, night clubs and dustbin-strewn alleys; quite shocking crimes are committed against perfectly innocent bot-tles of Krug.

We also have to plod through the

leaden litany of mandatory brand names: "Susan swirled the Czech & Speake bath oil in her Delafon bath and settled back with a bar of their state-of-the-art grey soap. She looked around at her Zehnder radiator, Schneider cabinets, Cerabati tiles and White House towels, and sighed. Her bathroom was the one room of the house in

which she felt at home." So why does Julie Burchill - the author of a lucrative and hugely over-rated column in a Sunday paper, in addition to countless articles in all our trendier monthlies - stoop to writing this bilge about a humourless nymphomaniac, whose only sense of shame stems from her possession of an outdated Filofax?

More money, of course - for there is no question that this book will be a huge paperback bestseller, despite the fact that many of the punters expecting a harmlessly titillating holiday read in the vein of Jackie Collins or Shirley Conran will be not so much disappointed as repelled.

A woman's place

AT FIRST sight 29 Inman Road looks like another of those comforting excursions into the past that must, like the BBC World Service. considerably cut down the national consumption of sleeping pills. Cheerful cockney aunts and uncles, small terrace houses, corner shops, escape via grammar school — the predictability is part of the charm.

But Ena Chamberlain's account of her South London childhood in the 1920s has an uneasy edge to it. Its colour and humour are tinged with the foreboding that imaginative children often feel, and before Ena had reached her teens the foreboding became reality with her father's sudden death.

She was the awkward little afterthought of the family, a bright, skinny child. Her father owned the local laundry, which gave the family a special standing in the small, shabby community, cleanliness being next to Godliness. At home, however, it was a

matriarchal society, and the book's life comes from the women in it particularly Ena's mother with her wry humour, innocent passion for ciothes, small snobberies, and chronic inability to finish a sentence, which seems to have produced echoes in Ena's own rather staccato style. On Sundays the house was alive with aunts who settled snugly into the kitchen to gossip, giggle and read the tea leaves. Uncles came too, but they seem pale figures by comparison. and were relegated to the front room. Ena was sent off to Sunday

Hazel Leslie

29 INMAN ROAD By Ena Chamberlain Virago, £5.99

school to get her out of the way. Sometimes, out of sheer bore-dom with the Church of England, she and her friend René tried somewhere else. At the Anchor Mission a bulky man got up to tell - with some prompting from the minister - how he had given up the booze ("Jesus! Yeah! That's what done it! Bloody Jesus! Gor bless 'Im. Ta, mate!"). The Methodists were cannier with their recruitment: they showed a film. Finally, with the encouragement

of her sixth-form teacher, the inspired Miss Howard, Ena won a scholarship to Christ's Hospital, but failed the medical. She had had TB. In a way, as all the family agreed, it was a relief that she wasn't going off to such a posh place. Much better to go to the grammar school like everyone else.

At the interview Ena told the headmistress of Christ's Hospital that she wanted to be "an author". and one can't help wondering what happened to that original ambition in the 60 years before this book was published. A brief note says only that "after matriculating she became (reluctantly) a civil servant". On the evidence she is not just an author, but also a writer. I think Miss Howard would be proud.

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music world tends to ape bad pop-business habits. A boy or girl who is musically gifted and photogenic is chosen to be famous. When that is achieved, the "star" is then expected to turn in the great performances that will

justify the hype.

A more sensible order – greatness first, fame later - was the rule until comparatively recently. Twenty years ago this week, a 22-year-old violinist played the Tchaikovsky Concerto in the Festival Hall with the LSO and André Previn She had never André Previn. She had never performed in Europe before, and had no recording contract.

had no recording contract.

The audience was entranced—partly because they saw a tiny, because they heard violin-playing of a power and passion rarely encountered. Three days later, Kumo-Wha Chung had presived Kyung-Wha Chung had received 30 offers of major engagements. European tours and a record contract soon followed; a great international career was launched.

Tomorrow she returns to the Festival Hall, but the contrast between herself now and then is striking. She approached the 1970 concert as a student, fanatically dedicated almost to the exclusion of everything else. She had begun learning the violin at seven; by the age of eight she had played a Mozart concerto with the Scoul Philharmonic.

When her family emigrated to the United States, she was sent to study with the famous violin teacher Ivan Galamian in New York. There she stayed for seven years, acquiring the Galamian big sound", and massing the colossal stamina needed to play, for example, the Brahms concerto "bit by bit, like a weightlifter training to lift 300 pounds". So, by the time of that Festival Hall début, her mind and her technique formed an unshakeable alliance of virtuosity. Beneath the deceptive "Oriental petal" appearance lay an iron resolve.

Did she miss out on a "normal"

childhood? "I did not think so, because playing the violin was all I wanted to do. Self-doubts? Only about whether I would be good enough to have a solo career, and worrying because I knew I would never be happy if I was not good enough."

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Yet after more than a dozer years on the top-class solo circuit, the steely single-mindedness relented. She married an English diamond merchant, Geoffrey Leg-gett, moved to Kent, and, at the age of 36, started a family. Now she imposes a strict ration on her playing engagements. The driven perfectionist who ate, breathed and lived music has learnt to tolerate two small boys racing into her studio on tricycles while she practises her double-stoppings. She admits that 15 years ago she would have found it impossible to believe that her career could become secondary to such an

Perhaps it was inevitable. Al-though the Chung family is one of the world's great musical dy-nasties - her younger brother, Myung-Whun, replaced Daniel Barenboim as music director of the Paris Bastille Opera in famous circumstances last year, and her older sister, Myung-Wha, is a distinguished cellist—it is also a "family" family. Kyung-Wha's six brothers and sisters have over 40 billion between the sixth of the si children between them.

From being a role model for vomen violinists in the extremely competitive, male-dominated solo world (she was one of the first), and for Far Eastern performers breaking into top-class Western classical music (she was the first), Kyung-Wha Chung has become an inspiration for all women musicians who face the "career or family" dilemma.

Unusually among musicians, she believes that what a child prodigy brings to music is com-plete in itself; later experience may change interpretation, but not necessarily improve it. "When Menuhin played the Beethoven concerto at 11, would you say that he was a prodigy, or an artist? You

are born with a phenomenal gift; it is inexplicable. But people do like an artist to explain why he has done this or that. If he is so young that his actions are all intuitive, and he cannot explain, they say he is immature. Yet when you hear a tremendous prodigy playing a concerto, it has everything it is pure, untouchable.

"When I was young I just got up and did it. As I grew older, the professional side took over. Now, I can explain to myself what I want, work at it, and produce a high technical and expressive standard. But perhaps as an artist I am not completely happy, because the experience remains at a pro-

yung-Wha Chung has always bad an extraordinary ability to startle expected tonal colourings, to move from a burning brightness of timbre to dark intimacy in the course of a single bar, and to use a highly-developed bow control to articulate a passage with the subtlety of Gielgud reading a Shakespeare sonner. That is a skill moreover, which she deploys convincingly over a wide repertoire: she is a superb interpreter of the Elgar concerto (a piece which most top violinists steer clear of), yet at the Proms this summer she will be tackling the spiky Second Violin Concerto by Bartók. "One strives for certain phrases or colours for years. You know inside your mind what you want, but it doesn't come. I can work for hours to get a precise colouring on just one note.

She seems to be stimulated by self-imposed hardship. There is, for instance, the case of her working studio. We moved here two years ago, and the sound in this studio nearly drove me crazy with depression; it is two-dimensional, unresponsive, flat. Then I saw it as a challenge. Instead of bringing in the acoustician to change it and to give me comfort, I began to think; if I can produce different shades of colour here,



Kyang-Wha Chung: Korean violinist of formidable talent

how much better it will be in a concert hall. Now, when I play in a concert, it all seems so much easier: I feel that I am floating on the sound, my senses are so heightened."

Or there was the occasion when

she changed her violin, one Guarneri for another, but with a big difference in character between them. "The present instrument I bought against the advice of people around me. The previous instrument was very beautiful and responsive. It was so much part of me that, it seemed, I only had to think a certain sound: the violin responded before I put a bow to it! The new instrument was not so responsive, but it did have a bigger sound - and when you play in front of 100 musicians you need that So for the last five years I have struggled to control it, to refine what I can do on it. Now, at last, I feel it does yield to my

 Kyung-Wha Chung plays Bruch's First Violin Concerto with the London Philharmonic, directed by Klaus Tennstedt, at the Festival Hall tomorrow at 7.30pm.

ories as constructive attempts to

draw past and present together. We watch her showing her dead

family around the apartment,

pointing out the food and the

Testament of suffering

CONCERTS

Noël Goodwin

LPO/Masur Festival Hall

TWO kinds of assault on our emotions were mounted by Kurt Masur conducting the London Philharmonic. One was by way of the romantic melancholy of Rachmaninov, the other through the fierce bitterness of Shostakovich in his Symphony No 13. The latter is a courageous work, given that it was written in the Soviet Union in 1962, because in it Shostakovich chooses to propagate the liberal thinking poems of Soviet dissident Yevgeny

They include, of course, the passionate indictment of anti-semitism and, by extension, of all racial persecution, in the poem "Babi Yar", which has given the symphony its accepted subtitle. More telling in this performance, however, was the sharp playing of the satirical scherzo, "Humour",

though the men's voices from the London Philharmonic Choir sounded unduly solemn in their responses to the solo singing of the Aage Haugland, a bass of grave dignity and tonal beauty, if not always of cutting force.

He suggested more sorrow than anger at the patient drudgery of women's lot "In the Store", which forms the symphony's Adagio, but "Fears" acquired a new and different kind of topicality. The conductor uncovered the intensity of feeling at the heart of music which speaks volumes not just in tragic awareness but in the ul-timate hope of justification.

To begin the concert Peter Donohoe was the kind of pianist to redeem the musical worth of Rachmaninov's Third Concerto by keeping its easy sentiment vithin bounds, even if the conductor's gliding rhythm at the start almost turned the opening ideas into something oddly close to a foxtrot. Later, the music's tangibly Russian qualities were brought to the fore, during and after a grandly played cadenza, and with keenly articulated dynamics, there was much to enjoy.

Stephen Pettitt

Kuijken Quartet Purcell Room

IF THE Kuijken Quartet is to be taken as one of the better examples of a period-style Classical string quartet - and with Sigiswald Kuijken and his brother Wieland as first violinist and cellist it should be - then that particular school still has a little way to go before it can rival its modern-instrument counterpart for technical security. Too often in this British-début recital of Haydn and Mozart, high notes played with little vibrato were simply misplaced. Too often, too, the timbre tended more towards the scrawny than the sinewy.

Perhaps one answer might be that the quartet should invest slightly more heavily in vibrato, though of course without allowing it to attain the consistency and wideness of later performance practice. Or perhaps the problem of insipidity might be solved by hearing the quartet in a more sympathetic, smaller room.

The pair of Mozart quartets which the Kuijkens chose, K428 in E flat and K465 in C (the "Dissonance"), are both indisputably masterpieces, and their response to the dark agonies of the opening movement of the E flat work and, particularly, to its wonderful, slow movement, was clearly intensely felt. Any possibility of a wilting of tension was effectively prevented here through careful phrasing and articulation.

Curiously, however, such care did not always prevail, and for the finale of the "Dissonance", which contains a seemingly infinite number of repetitions of its basic idea at the original pitch, these players were unable to react with the liveliness and the humour which such a Haydn-like feature would seem to demand. It was a disappointing conclusion to a performance that had otherwise been full of character.

Paul Griffiths

LSO/Tilson Thomas Barbican

ARTURO Benedetti Michelangel is one of that exalted band of musicians whose performances are preceded by requests not to photograph and followed by standing ovations. What happens in between is rather less predictable. especially when Michel angeli's appearances here are so rare. And of course that very rarity makes one anticipate some driving intention behind each performance that is vouchsafed.

But what was this? Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto dispatched in as cool and clipped a style as if the composer had been Stravinsky, though with more than occasional slips. From his first entry Michelangeli was holding phrases neatly apart, resisting any dynamic continuity and offering mechanical rhythms. The tone was uniformly dry and the counterpoint banally clear. The music kept going forwards,

pressed on by Michael Tilson Thomas and the orchestra, but at the piano nothing happened. Such a negative approach has its

own fascination, and will occasionally find support in the text. At the climax of the slow movement, for instance, Beethoven gave Michelangeli the opportunity to respond to ripe, sumptuous playing from the orchestra with detached, nonchalant scales, though his disregard of Andrew Marriner's beautiful solo clarinet in the finale was almost cruel.

though, in Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony, where the first and third movements reached up to shocking outbursts of controlled orchestral savagery, underlined by an immensely powerful and blistering brass ensemble. The programme notes' view of the work as "clearly optimistic" could not have been more decisively countered. There was much fine playing - from the muted violins running wistful veils into the wild scherzo from the firm woodwind group, and again from Andrew Marriner in the last movement but always the context was one of compelled brutality and sarcasm.



Survivors: Simon Cutter (Duvid) and Trudy Weiss (Lusia)

Theatre to make the heart cheer ent that Lusia (superbly played by Trudy Weiss) is using her memwith her father, but leaving behind

THEATRE Jeremy Kingston

A Shayna Maidel King's Head

THIS compassionate, finely measured play, by an author new to this country, deals in a remarkably original manner with the process of becoming whole. Survivors of a Jewish family, divided and largely destroyed by the Holocaust, start to rebuild their lives, as a family and as individuals.

The play is set in the spring of 1946, in a Manhattan apartment where the wallpaper is printed with a million rose buds and the table is regularly piled with food.

It is a country bouncing with victory, as Barbara Lebow, the author, neatly puts it in a programme note, and a place where the scale of European suffering has yet to penetrate.

Rose Weiss, unthinkingly contented, has lived there since childhood, arriving from Poland

her mother and a sister too ill to

While the American half of the family has prospered, the Polish half has all but vanished into the gas chambers. The mother, aunts, uncles, all are gone but the sister Lusia, has survived. Brought to America to start her life, she arrives in Rose's apartment carrying a suitcase of Red Cross clothes and a mind trembling with memories.

As the two sisters gingerly become reacquainted, the play progresses along a double course. The first few days in Manhattan are interpenetrated with memories of the past. Whenever Rose scampers from the room, usually to fetch more food or chocolate to mix with the milk, the lighting alters and the dead mother, a dead girlfriend and Lusia's husband Duvid appear. Then the lights brighten and in comes Rose with the chocolate.

The author lessens the risk of too schematic an approach by heginning to play against expectations, and it soon becomes appar-

clothes her sister presses her to accept. Deliberately we are teased into wondering if Duvid (Simon Cutter), whom she introduces to her father and sister in the play's final, infinitely touching scene, is also perhaps a survivor.

Rose (Laurel Lefkow) is reunited with her mother through an unexpected gift recalling her vanished childhood. In these scenes Lebow's quietly emotional dialogue shows profound psycho-

logical truth, the finest example of which occurs when Lusia and her father (John Burgess) discover their first bond in the notebooks listing missing relatives that each of them carries as a precious, terrible witness. Exquisitely acted and given a

sensitively paced production by Lisa Forrell, A Shavna Maidel — Yiddish for "A Pretty Girl" - is theatre to make the heart cheer.

Name for a laugh

RADIO Martin Cropper

JAKKI, Simon, another Simon, Gary, Steve, Mark, John, Nicky and Bob are the names behind the voices that daily keep Radio I spinning on its axis. Radio 2, equally, relies on Steve. Chris, Derek, Judith, Mavis, David, Sue, Glen, John and Ken. Populist radio's fondness for forenames that do not unduly tax the tongue or the memory is no earnest of these wavebands' content, although a Marmaduke would find it hard to get employment as a disc jockey. In Naming Names (Radio 4, Wednesday) Martin Wainwright footled with the notion that names determine character and that parents ignore the store of

pain they may be laying up.

There are a lot of infant Kylies

in Manchester - and no doubt in the rest of the English-speaking world - and a commensurate rash of nappied Jasons. But the first wave of Jasons surely derives from fans of Jason King, aka Peter Wyngarde, just as the first wave of Samanthas and Kellys followed

the wake of High Society.

To say that stardom and royalty beget imitation is not to say a great deal; the real question is why heroic names (for example, Cedric) decline over the generations into effeminacy, and pleasant-sounding ones (Sharon) be-come associated with the opposite. For those unable to come to terms with their handles, there exists a workshop" where they can "learn to love their names".

A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (same waveband and day) consisted of a domestic two-hander: he, none-too-bright ("Pah! This poll tax has caused a to-do!"): she, reasonable and informed as she talked him through the terrible unfairness of the rates and the blindingly obvious advantages of the community charge. This was a comedy sketch without a punchline.

Beating a vivid retreat

OPERA Hilary Finch

The Marriage of Figaro Coliseum

THE retreat has at last been sounded for English National Opera's Figure; but it is going down fighting. Only Valerie Masterson's infinitely sad and gracious Countess remains from the original cast of Jonathan Miller's 1978 production: now, Rebecca Meitlis is reviving it for the last time, with a hard working,

has characterized this production Lesley Garrett's, predictably, is the performance that 90 per cent of the audience will take home with them. Her Susanna breathes that fragrance of sensuous delight and sharp-tempered mischief with

vividly matched ensemble which

entire opera; and this before she

has even uttered a note. Caressing her half-finished bridal veil, and at the same time pricking her finger on the needle, she heralds a performance of quicksilver wit and spirit, with only just the odd pout too many. It is, indeed, so wholehearted that she accidentally breaks the fan with which she chides Figaro, and at this rate will work her way

through a few more. Steven Page's Count is no less interesting. He progresses from a pallid yet smouldering figure, strangely chilling in his bitterness. to the crescendo of rage which is his "Già vinta la causa". This is one of his most successful roles to date, revealing a new edge of vocal character, and focusing the torment which is present in equal measure with caprice and folly in this production.

Masterson's Countess provides its obverse, and her grave "Porgi amor" is beautifully sung. Her double act with Ethna Robinson's



Lesley Garrett as Susanna

sturdy Cherubino is as searching as ever. Figaro himself is cast on the peasant-duffer side: he is pleasingly if uninterestingly sung by the Australian baritone, Greeory Yurisich. Michael Lloyd's baton could not quite tame the cast's high spirits, but there was a delightful Barbarina from Rosemary Joshua. She must be a potential Susanna for ENO's new production, in two years' time.

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DRAWING heavily on Spinal Tap, a brilliant tele-documentary parody of films about rock-band backstage life, Viz the Docu-mentary (Channel 4) set out to tell, in the manner of World in Action, the story of the most eccentrically triumphant publishing phenomenon of recent times. Viz is a scatological comic

which sold 100 copies of its first issue in a Newcastle pub 10 years ago and now has a national circulation approaching a million. It consists largely of Beano-style drawings accompanied by bubble captions of considerable obscenity and irreverence, though as Auberon Waugh noted, probably in the end no more shocking than much of Jonathan Swift.

Because Viz has little editorial content outside of rude words in bubbles, the documentary makers decided to superimpose on it the conventions of the television investigation. Accordingly, smallscreen celebrities such as Keith Chegwin were seen trudging across litter-strewn beaches, having had their careers apparently destroyed by Viz mockery, while parents and close relatives of the four editors were interviewed about the devastation caused to their family lives by the success of the comic rag.

One of its inventors turns out to have been able, in a former life as a botanist, to breed truly obscene cactus plants. Another, asked by the investigator whether he felt guilty about becoming a millionaire by peddling smut, gazed lengthily into the camera and

appeared to give the question

consideration and moral anguish

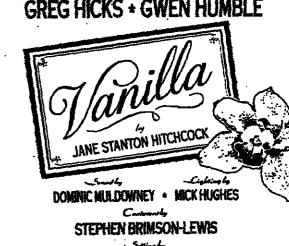
before replying simply "No".

The programme was impressively sure of its targets, which is more than can always be said of its subject; and the solemnity of the investigative reporter, Philip Branston, was perfectly matched against the tearfully collapsing girlfriend and the lady from Bristol who regularly writes to the Queen demanding to have the whole thing stopped at once. In the end, inevitably, Viz the

Documentary told us more about the cliched camera angles of investigative tele-journalism than about an organ which seems to be overtaking Private Eye and Punch as the magazine of the satirical moment, an appalling prospect for those who still think that humour might possibly have something to do with verbal dextenty. At its best, lavatorial; at its worst, disgusting: that is not a criticism of Viz, it is the magazine's

proudest boast.

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RECORDS

Life on the open road

he spirit of cult photo-grapher Herman Leonard hangs over the video of Andy Sheppard's big band. Handsomely lit and artfully edited, Katy Radford's production captures every last wisp of cigarette smoke as the 15-piece line-up of so-called "Rhythmical Personages" puts together the four tracks that make up the album.

The ad hoc group, built around Sheppard's familiar sextet, went on a brief tour last November.

Radford's film, which could easily have been cut by about 20 minutes, contains the obligatory scenes of life on the coach. Whether much is learnt about Sheppard's musicmaking is another The saxomatter. phonist is notoriously self-effacing, and in the commentary he confines himself to enthusing over the abilities of his colleagues, among them Chris Biscoe, Han Bennink and Claude

Deppa. There is very

little explanation about his motives in forming the big band, or his earlier experience with the orchestras of Carla Bley, George Russell and Gil Evans. The best point of comparison is

Bley's recent live album, Fleur Carnivore, on which Sheppard was a guest soloist. Blev. however. is a far more experienced hand

JAZZ UPDATE

Sheila Jordan: Portrait of Sheila (Blue Note CDP7-89002) Reissued in time for the singer's latest UK appearances, the 1962 album catches her at her best, with none of the selfindulgent vocalizing that mars some of her later outings.

Poncho Sanchez: Chile Con Soul (Concord CCD-4406)
Tito Puente joins the
percussion onslaught on a versatile collection which runs from "Con Migo" to a fair stab at street funk.

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Andy Shepperd: Soft On The Inside (Island/Antilles AN8751) Roadside Picnic: For Mad Men Only (Novus PD74581) Thelonious Monk: Genius Of Modern Music, Volumes 182 (Blue Note CDE? 24540 Note CDP7-81510/1)



Rhythmical personage: the elusive Andy Sheppard

with large-scale charts. Sheppard's arrangements are not quite up to carrying such a load on extended pieces, although his playing is as

npassioned as ever. Listeners who like their music spiced with extra helpings of adrenalin may well enjoy the grandstanding solos by some of the other musicians. Otherwise, it

ROCK UPDATE

Alannah Myles: Alannah Myles (Atlantic 781 956-1) Triles such as "Kick Start My
Heart" say it all. With all the
hoarse inflections of male
heavy-metal vocalists, Myles has
taken the British charts by

Garth Brooks: Garth Brooks (Capitol Ci-90897) A country twang is not detrimental to a career in country music; Brooks sounds like a second-string talent, but this is an attractive is hard to see this album reaching far beyond the most committed Sheppard fans

Roadside Picnic's second album comes with an even higher decibel rating, though it is all executed with a slickness reminiscent of Seventies progressive rock, Ostensibly inspired by Steppenwolf (the novel, rather than the band), the album works best as a platform for the versatile saxophonist Dave O'Higgins, a player who switches back and forth between Coltranestyle bombast, straight

bop and jazz-funk. Thelonious Monk's sessions for Blue Note still have the power to shock and surprise, even at a distance of 40 years. While bebop sions from the period sound increasingly like museum-pieces, Monk's work grows in stature, escaping all the conventional categories. With the inclusion of alternate takes from such master-pieces as "Skippy", "Four In One" and "Criss Cross", the re-

issue will be of particular interest to collectors. First-time buyers should be aware that, once again, there is even better value on offer on the budget-price Giants Of Jazz compact disc, Thelonious Monk - The Composer, a compilation which includes the best of the Blue Note output, as well as outstanding work from the Prestige years.

Salt-N-Pepa: Blacks' Magic (Next Plateau 828164-1) Essentially a pop act, the three women in Salt-N-Pepa always manage to entertain, although their style of rap is dated and unadventurous.

Stevie Sales . . . Colorcode (Island ILPS9963) The latest group to follow the fashion of multi-racial rock. Inevitably, the music invites comparison with Jimi Hendrix, but Sales and his trio rarely but Salas and his trio rarely manage to rise above their slick and superficial appeal.

A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 28 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops, to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of rock history.

BILLY JOEL

rincipally a vehicle for the ideas and antics of lan Anderson, Jethro Tull has been so persistently reviled by the arbiters of British rock that it must be hard for anyone who came to popular music later than the mid-Seventies to comprehend how the idea of a grizzled, bug-eyed young man odd phrases on a flute, could once have

JETHRO TULL

been considered a revelation. Yet the band's debut album, This Was (1968), was exactly that, injecting a dose of jazz - notably Roland Kirk's "Ode To A Cuckoo" - into the veins of the blues-rock style that was fashionable at the time, and introducing the sound of the flute to at the time, and introducing the sound of the time to rock 'n' roll. As well as enjoying three Top 10 hits within eight months — "Living In The Past", "Sweet Dream" and "Witches' Promise", collected on Original Masters in 1985 — Tull topped the chart in 1969 with Stand Up, an album of unmitigated excellence. Despite the colossal success which tollowed constitute the colossal success which followed, especially in America, it was downhill from that point on.

Some of Billy Joel's peculiar appeal is that he has never decided what to do with the O to do with the embarrassing amount of talent at his disposal. Like a bee that wants to pollinate every flower in the field, part of him likes to bend his classical piano training in the service of heavy, techno-flash rock; another part and yet another that he is a purveyor of straightforward, high-class pop like his biggest UK hit "Uptown Girl" -- incor-

Appeal: Billy Joel

porated, along with "Tell Her About it", on An Innocent Man (1983). His problem is in convincing people like the Rolling Stone critic who described him as "a vaudevillian piano man and mimic" that he has something genuine to say. Perhaps he comes closest to doing so on The Stranger (1977) which, as well as the million-selling "Just The Way You Are", boasts material such as "Scenes From An Italian Restaurant", "She's Always A Woman", and the title track, which touches the lodestone of a deeper level

NEXT WEEK: Elton John, B. B. King

Veils of sound

CLASSICAL **Paul Griffiths**

Debussy: Images, Jenx, Musiques pour *Le Roi Lear* CBSO/Rattle (EMI CDC 7 49947 2)

Debussy: Etudes Uchida (Philips 422 412-2) Debussy: Images etc Kocsis (Philips 422 404-2)

here was a golden age of Debussy recording in the Sixties, when Pierre Boulez showed that his predecessor's music could come out from soft focus. Now, happily, we seem to be in another, with the lessons of Boulezian clarity and intensity well learned and even extended, thanks in part to the extra edge of the compact disc. Surely to be counted among the

records of the year is Simon Rattle's account with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra of the last two works Debussy himself orchestrated, the Images and Jeux, coupled with two tantalizing scraps from the incidental music he planned at the time of *La Mer* for King Lear: a fanfare and a gently hypnotic "Sommeil de Lear" (both of these were orchestrated, in fine Debussian style, by Roger-

Rattle has been conducting Jeux for some years, and one of the joys of his recording lies in his orchestra's awareness of how to place themselves in a complex, ever-changing tissue. Ideas are carried from soloist to soloist, from group to group, with a sure sense of where they are going, even if one usually ends up feeling, rightly, that the purpose has slipped out of sight around the last bend. There is also a wonderful sensation of orchestral space in this recording, with the percussion at the back capable of producing the most delicate effects (the cymbal player is a virtuoso of pianissimo) which still register.

Indeed, altogether the recording is distinguished by this combination of extreme exquisiteness with immediate presence. The score is, of course, composed in veils of sound and here rendered as such. but I have never before heard a performance which revealed so much of the detail of the stitching, nor one in which the effect. paradoxically, was always so

the partnership between

Peter Schreier and Andras

Schiff, carefully nurtured in

recitals and by festivals like the

Hohenems Schubertiade, has now taken to disc, and with predictably

stimulating results. Schreier, with

his platinum-tipped tenor and

discreetly literate approach to

Lieder, and Schiff, with his own

sentient and luminous way with

Schubert's solo piano music, make

this collection of Schubert's

For the gentle, outdoor settings of the poet Relistab, they bring to

the surface the nuances of move-

ment which are the lifeblood of

these songs: the whispering breezes, murmuring streams and

shimmering light written into the

music of pieces like "Liebes-botschaft" and "Frühlingssehn-sucht". In Schiff's hands (and on

his sweet-voiced Bosendorfer),

"Standchen" becomes a true sere-

nade, matched by a vocal panache

swansongs uniquely revelatory.



magical. Partly this comes from Rattle's slow speeds - mar-vellously, dangerously slow in music which could so easily fall apart but here never does, thanks to the intelligence spread among the players. Just as important, though, is the superfine balance which again contributes a feeling of space, so that string networks are seen through burblings of woodwinds, or vice versa. Remarkable, too, is Rattle's realization of what Boulez once called the "double respiration" of

some of Debussy's music, the sense that it is slow and fast at the same time, or that a long rhythm as of oar movements is joined

with the play of water and light. All these qualities of sumptuousness and delicacy are again present in the Images, where the central slow movement, "Les Parfums de la nuit", is again miraculously slow and yet vividly detailed and immediate. Maybe even more unusual, but entirely convincing, is the performance of the subsequent "Le Matin d'un jour de fête" as an ebuilient comedy, with the awkward rhythms made to seem deliberately gauche, the instrumentation physical and robust. One must hope that Rattle and his orchestra will follow this wholly splendid record with more De-

Mitsuko Uchida's first Debussy record, austerely but abundantly confined to the 12 Etudes that were his last works for solo piano, also leaves one hoping for successors. She, too, has nothing to do with half-lights but only with fierce exactnesses, and her lack of conventional elegance is sometimes disconcerting in, for instance, the joiting, spread way she occasionally releases chords. Against that, though, this is playing in which no chord, no note is taken for granted, in which each piece becomes a journey full of newness and surprise.

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In the study in sixths, for example, regions of great clarity, luminosity and spaciousness can suddenly give way to a finicky business, and the study in opposed sonorities rather similarly breathes in interplay, with rhapsodic exultation disappearing into something like distant horn calls. The contrast can equally be simultaneous, as when the grandeur of the study in octaves is presented with continuing thoughtfulness, almost as if Uchida were considering every element while putting the music together (and yet in her breathtaking account of "Pour les huit Doigts" there surely is not time for that). One also finds oneself rehearing how adventurous Debussy's harmony is, not least in the eighth and last studies, while at other times, especially in the study in fourths. Uchida's rhythmic eagerness shows us Messiaen's birdsong pieces already in embryo - or perhaps one should say in

Zoltán Kocsis's Debussy recital depends on more usual resources of fluency and colour, and one is far less aware than with Uchida that everything is being generated by 10 fingers at a keyboard: the playing is at once more natural and more abstracted. It is also, to be sure, very delectable, and the choice of earlier and later pieces the Arabesques, D'un Cahier d'esquisses, L'Isle joyeuse and others - nicely complements the two volumes of Images.

Night birds

Schubert: Schwanengesan Schreier/Schiff (Decca 425 612-2) Schubert: Hyperion Edition Vol 6 Rolfe Johnson/Johnson (Hyperion

on Schreier's behalf to which this song is too seldom treated.

When it comes to the darker, more bitter Heine settings. Schreier hones the distinctive blade in his voice against the properly bass-weighted accom-paniments of Schiff, "Der Doppelganger", for instance, with its abvsm of psychical fear, is not the easiest choice for a tenor. Schiff compensates for any lack of darker timbre or weight, while Schreier pierces its closing lines with a cry of pain which has already been

borne in the lacerating self-recognition of the "eig'ne Gestalt".

More delight in the quality of movement itself ripples out of Schiff's accompaniment to "Der Nanderer an der Mond", a song omitted by Anthony Rolfe Johnson in his disc of nocturnal Schubert. The decision was made, perhaps, on the assumption that the song is more about wandering than about the moon; and, anyway. Johnson and Johnson are more intent on uncovering what lurks in the Schubertian shadows in this, the sixth volume of Hyperion's fine Schubert Edition.

All the hallmarks of the series, due for completion in 1997, are there: the conscientious vet vividly readable commentaries, the 'elighted discoveries, the satisfy-

WORD-WATCHING

SPHRAGISTIC

(a) Relating to seals or signet rings, and the science of their study, from the Greek sphragis a seal: "His unrivalled knowledge of sphragistic archaelogy."

sphragessa.

HORST

(c) A block of the earth's crust that has remained in position while the ground around it has either sub-

ing programming. Rolfe Johnson's mellifluous, indigo-bloomed tenor palls only once or twice when a rather self-conscious, glutinous legato creeps into a song like "Der Knabe in der Wiege". Elsewhere, a searching and nuance-revealing cantabile line stands up to even the simplicity of the searching first version of "Abends unter der Linde", or the minute, everchanging lines and patternings of "Des Fischers Liebesglück".

The rarities, which are so much the joy of this series, include all three possible sections of Schubert's Ossian setting, "Die Nacht", with its less inspired "Chieftan" continuation and its originally published pendant, the "Jagdlied". Both here, and in the final 'Zur Guten Nacht", a small malevoice choir unexpectedly appears: exactly what they are up to, I shall leave you to discover for yourself.

mountains by pressure against its solid sides, from

against its sound soues, from the German horst a heap or lump: "Horst range in size and width from a few inches to many miles."

(c) A verse having each word

a syllable longer than the one before, from the Greek rhopalon a club, growing thicker towards the end. e.g.

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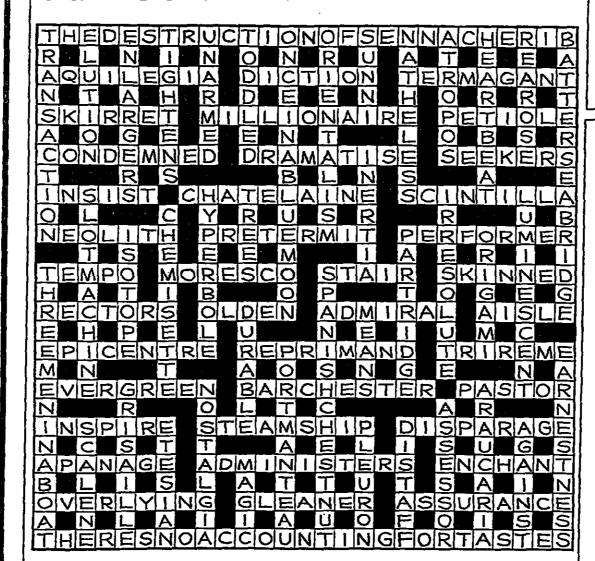
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WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE WORLD? GLASGOW'S GETTING HOTTER THAN NEW PRLEANS.

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GARDENING

Working with less water

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followed by an unusually dry spring has already led to water restrictions in Kent, with others possible elsewhere if there is not substantial rainfall soon. To many gardeners, hose prohibitions represent a disaster, so we should perhaps consider, instead of piecemeal arrangements with butts and bathwater, a complete revision of our garden habits.

We were not always so dependent on hoses. A Hertfordshire neighbour can remember a time before there was "company water" on her farm and drinking water had to be hauled from a well. Thinking of long, hot Edwardian summers. I asked her how they managed to garden.
"We didn't water so much in
those days," she recalled, "but we never bought any vegetables - they were all our

When you have to lug every canful of water for the garden from the farm pond or water butt, you tend to be less profligate than when using a hose or sprinkler. Plentiful use of water has become a habit over the past few decades. especially on lawns (which need hardly any water if the grass is kept at about 1½in/5cm).

Frequent watering makes roots come to the surface rather than search down for moisture and, combined with the application of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, makes for an impoverished

Feed the soil and the plants will, in most cases, take care of themselves. I (involuntarily) tested this maxim last year when I was away, and my garden scorched under four weeks of summer sun. Fortunately, flowers, fruit, vegetables and grass cover most of my garden, leaving almost no bare soil. Plant cover creates its own microclimate and conserves what moisture there is. An organically enriched soil (especially on clay) tends to dry out much less than one which lacks humus, but I was still surprised to find

year of low rainfall things in reasonable order on how dry the soil is further my return.

The Beth Chatto gardens are situated in an uncomfortably dry and windy part of East Anglia, so I asked her how she coped with drought conditions which are more familiar to her than to most of us. She expressed concern that vegetable garden, in particular, was so dry. A great opportunist, she had used leaf chicory plants, which were well past eating, to create a mulch, chopping the leaves and placing them around the

bean plantlets.

"Always try to cover the ground, to stop the sun hitting it directly" is her rule. She uses bark mulch throughout the five-acre ornamental garden and says she could not garden on this scale without it. It saves so much time weeding and watering. Mrs Chatto acknowledges the need to water seedlings and things which are newly planted, but bed which contained "all the "watering can be reduced if white double heathers that you dig a large hole and water it well to get the deeper soil very wet before you put in the plant". After planting with good topsoil and compost, water the roots at once, and I've never seen anything like then only when the plant the way they died last year requires it. "Don't water un-necessarily," she warns. "In-of rain in March and less than vestigate with a trowel and see 24mm last month. There's no

WEEKEND TIPS

• Keep pot-plants in conservatories well watered and fed. Early caterpillars are appearing on the young foliage of cherries and s; pick them off and hose the leaves to knock off blackfly.

 Plant hanging baskets,
 but let them establish for a week or two under cover before putting them in their final outdoor position.

• Cut back pulmonarias after the flowers have faded. If slugs and snails are a problem with hostas, plant

some in Dots. Tie in new sho climbers (especially clematis) and re-secure old ties.

David McClintock, whose Kent garden has been a point of pilgrimage for gardeners and botanists for 40 years, has seen his garden "altered out of all recognition" over the past three years. Eighty trees and large shrubs went down in the gales, and, combined with neighbouring felling, removed vital shelter from his hillside garden, opening it to drying winds which exacerbated the effect of drought on his free draining greensand. The last hosepipe ban was lifted in January, after seven months, and, although he falls outside the present ban, he expects another to be imposed "any

moment now".

Among his most precious plants, a unique bamboo collection is at risk - "Bamboos need water just now when the green shoots appear - while the special heather have ever been known". grown for expert evaluation, is in ruins. "I've been growing heathers here for 40 years," he noted with despondency. "but moisture in the soil for replanting."

Tom Wright, until recently head of horticulture at Wye College, Kent, was not optimistic about the future for plants such as heathers, especially on sandy soils. His advice is to water low and slowly to the roots: "Even when sprinklers can be legally used, they waste water in evaporation, and they tend to bring roots to the surface."
The plants that he selects for drought resistance are hardy Cistus, lavenders, and cotton lavenders (Santolina), pinks (Dianthus), which are all fine in poor soil and dry conditions, and even some shrub roses: "The rugosas and Rosa rubrifolia [now classified as Rosa glauca) hardly seem to notice drought."

Francesca Greenoak visits an exhibition tracing the history of the capital's gardens



Rooted in London's past

The garden exhibition, "London's Pride", which opened at the Museum of London this week, induces a feeling not of nostalgia, but of being part of a horticultural continuum which begins in the Middle Ages and extends into the future. Because the exhibition concentrates on one city, the focus seems particulariy sharp.

Artefacts, books, maps and pictures build up impressions of gardens from early times. A 1597 herbal written by John Gerard, the apparatus of a stillroom and displays relating to famous London gardeners set the scene. An early 18th-cen-tury Chinese pavilion makes a grand centrepiece for the section on garden entertaining. Used as a tea pavilion at Montagu House in Whitehall, it is the only one of such delicate construction to survive.

The maps and pictures make this exhibition particularly exciting however, as they trace the shift of early London, with its green fields and estates, as it moved west and the fields were trimmed and the estates turned into parks. Attached to many of the houses, even in the earliest

maps, are green gardens, and from the late 16th century there are pictorial representations. Paul Sandby's painting of his own garden, circa 1790, shows the backyard with the gardeners, while a Thomas Shepherd water-colour gives an insight into a small back garden in Islington, circa 1820.

The historical periods of gardening in London, described in the indoor exhibition, are reflected outside in the courtyard display of the principal nurserymen. Like the Barbican Conservatory, this garden has been fashioned in a restricted space. The designers, Carol Colson and Richard Stone, have had to make the walkways, platforms, the tumbling rill and the rock garden fit in with this building's utilities and safety outlets. Contractors were still working on the site when I visited it the day before the

exhibition opened but the space looked full and green. Many of the favourite flowers of the past are still grown today. Auriculas, the beautiful but strangely coloured flowers, are in vogue again. They were popular pot-plants in the late Middle Ages and it would

more in this way, since they look uncomfortable in any but the most formal of beds. In the Victorian collection of flower paintings commissioned by Thornton, auriculas are planted as if on a dramatic stage set. Today's doyenne of auriculas, Brenda Hyatt, seems to have taken her cue from Thornton, for she has taken to displaying her plants in a frame of black velvet.

rown in pots, the olants can be displayed prominently when they are at their best. Pot culture also means that you can give the plants the mineral-rich, well-drained soil medium they need, which you may not have in the garden, and protect them from ex-tremes of heat and wet, which distress them more than cold Old-fashioned pinks, dis-

played in the museum garden in old-fashioned wicker baskets, with a protective cage to keep the plant safe in transit, are also popular today. Highly fragrant and easy to grow, they do best in a dryish soil in a sunny position. A plant bought now will make a clump that will

be nice if they were to be used last several years, but it is advisable to take cuttings and make fresh plants every two or

The plants in the Museum of London nursery display will be changed as new plants come into season. Within a few weeks, there will probably be a plant sale stall selling off the surplus. During the exhibition gardeners will be at work and will answer questions, and after the event the display will be modified to make a permanent garden for the museum

There is a booklet about London's nurserymen, which is useful when read in conjunction with a visit, but there is no catalogue for the exhibition, although a list may be put together later. There is, however, a book called London's Pride (Anaya Publishers, £25), which draws on much of the material shown in the exhibition in a collection of beautifully illustrated essays on aspects of the capital's gardening.

the Capital's Gardens" is at the Museum of London, London Wall, London ECZY 5HN until August 12. Open Tues-Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun/Bank Holiday Mon 2-6pm. Adult £2, child £1, for the lates.

WALK

Ilmington, Warwickshire, approximately

THE Warwickshire of Shakepeare and George Eliot is edolent of the woodlands of Arden, and Belloc's "sodden and unkind" plains of the Feldon. To folk outside the county, therefore, the southern uplands of the Cotswolds, which nudge over the border and rise to 1,000 ft, are a

pleasant surprise. The lovely village of uellowed stone at the bottom of the hills is Ilmington. St Mary's, the church to which only footpaths lead, has wellpreserved Norman architecture and the modern woodwork of Thompsons of York

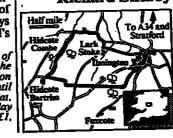
The walk from Ilmington is over the hills and far away to Hidcote. The gardens, sited early this century on an inhospitable hillside by the American, Lawrence Johnson, are one of the National Trust's most visited treasures.

Frog Lane leads to a path to an ancient track (Pig Lane), which runs along the top of Ilmington Down. Turn right. Foxcote - a pedimented country house of the 18th century is in the vale. Over a metalled way, con-

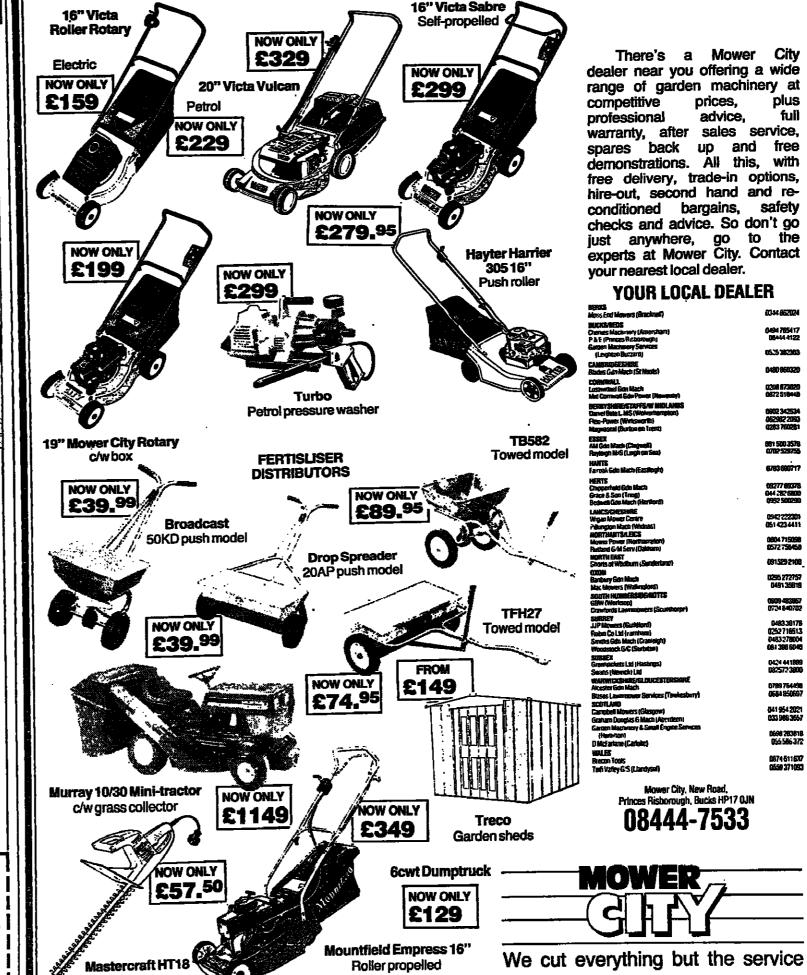
tinue to the drovers' road at Larkstoke, then keep ahead to For the return route, a

footpath starts at the far end of the car park and chases a brook down to a road. Follow this to a lane to Lower Larkstoke Farm. Here is another well marked path; this passes a chalybeate pool (which men of vision thought would create a spa at Ilmington). No one would suggest taking the waters at the spring today - instead take a drink at one of the two excellent village inns.

Richard Shurey



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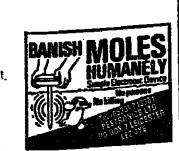
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BANK HOLIDAY EVENTS

The weather forecasters have promised a sunny weekend, and Judy Froshaug has selected some of the best outdoor events around the country

OUTINGS

MAY DAY IN THE CITY: Wandering minstrels, medieval song and dance, jugglers, jesters and stilt walkers at the Barbican. In nearby St Gi Church, Friar Tuck — alias Rev David Rhodes — and his men with traditional entertainments, a medieval fair for local chariti a maypole dance and ox roast. Barbican Centre and St Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London EC1. Mon. Barbican, 12.30-7pm, free. St Giles', noon to 5pm, £2, free if in medieval dress.

MODEL AIRCRAFT RALLY: Enthusiasts compete and display in Holker Hall and Gardens, Cark in Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. Tomorrow, Mon, 10.30am-6pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.20, reduced rates if it rains. SOLIHULL ARTS FESTIVAL: Week-long festival begins today with firework display in Tudor Grange Park at 10pm. Free. Teddy bears' picnic tomorrow in Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens, from 3pm - family ticket for four £5, individual tickets £2. On Monday afternoon at the 12th century Temple Balsall, early music and dance, period food, traditional craft fair and demonstrations, free. Solihuli, West Midlands. Today to May 13. Further information and

booking for other events: Festival Box-office, Solihuli Central Library (021 704 6962). SHUTTLEWORTH'S AIRBORNE PAGEANT: Marks both the fortieth anniversary of the entry of the DHCI Chipmunk into military service and the fiftieth service and the little of Britain.
Some of the great aeroplanes
from the collection will be flying. Old Warden Aerodrome, nezr Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, Tomorrow. Gates open 10am, display from 2pm. Car plus up to four passengers £10, car plus

one passenger £8, car plus driver £5. Adult £3, child £2. **GAWTHORPE MAYPOLE MAY** DAY PROCESSION: A band, May queen and attendants on horseback, plus floats, wagons and maypole dancing. Gawthorpe, Ossett, West Yorkshire. Today from 2.45pm.

MAD JACK'S MORRIS TRADITIONAL JACK IN THE **GREEN CELEBRATIONS:** Thirty or more teams of morris dancers. Jack in the Green procession,

Hastings, East Sussex. Today, tomorrow from noon; Mon from **INLAND WATERWAYS**

ASSOCIATION CANALWAY CAVALCADE: Annual event popular with all who enjoy canal and river life. Little Venice, Regent's Canal, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm.

Merry month of May

LEEDS CASTLE COUNTRY FAIR: Showcase for rural pursuits with many craftsmen from the South East giving demonstrations. Licensed refreshments.
Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, Kent. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm. Admission to fair and country park: adult £3.70, child £2.70, family ticket (two adults, two children) £11. Admission to castle an additional £1.50.

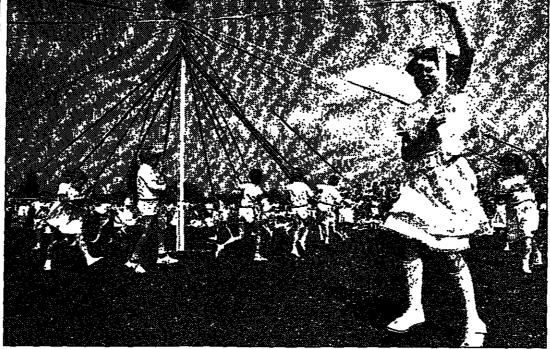
STEAM AT THE DOCKYARD: Traction and stationary engines, vintage motor bikes and paddlesteamer trips. The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent. Tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm. Adult £4.50, child £2.50, family ticket £10. Admission includes a second visit to the

SPALDING FLOWER PARADE: Now in its 32nd year, with a procession of 17 floats and 12 marching bands over 4½-mile route through the town. Later, a static display of floats and crafts and country fair at Springfields Horticultural Society. Spalding, Lincolnshire (further information 0775 724843), Parade today from 2pm, country fair today, tomorrow, Mon. £2.50.

FEAST OF FOOLS: Clowns. jesters, tumblers, jugglers and wandering minstrels invited to a Day of Misrule and Unreason to find Britain's greatest fool. The winner will receive £500. Those wishing to participate should contact Will Somers. Royal Britain, Aldersgate Street, London EC1 (071-588 0588). Tomorrow rtainment for all from 10am. feast and competition from 12.30pm. Fools in costume free. Adult £3.95, child £2.50, family ticket (2 adults, up to 4 children)

KIDDIES DAY: Steam events for children with Embsay's "happy tank engines" and other entertainers, plus a small present for every child. Embsay Steam Railway, Embsay, near Skipton, North Yorkshire. Mon, 10.30am-4 15cm 52 4.15pm, £2.

COUNTRYSIDE AND CRAFTS COME TO TOWN: More than 150 stalls plus demonstrations of sculpture, broom-making and cane work. Also a large conservation fair, an opportunity to see wildlife farm animals, take part in river dipping and other games. Also pony rides and guided walks with the National Trust head warden. Refresh Morden Hall Park, Morden, near Wimbledon, south London. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm. Adult £2, child £1. Free parking.



Dance yourself dizzy: the traditional maypole is the focal point of many of the bank holiday events

PORTSMOUTH HEAVY HORSE PARADE: Impressive line-up of the gentle glants in splendid turn-out, including shires, Clydesdale, Percherons, Suffolk punches. Castle field arena and seafront, Southsea, Hampshire. Mon, 12.30pm, Free.

ANIMAL ANTICS: Sponsored walk in aid of National Pet Week plus a pet and dog show. Sir George Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire, Mon, 11am-5pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

TATTON MAY FAIR: Traditional celebrations with maypole, dancing, games, children's fun-fair, side shows and craft stalls. Tatton Park, Knutsford. Cheshire. Tomorrow, Mon, 11.30am-5.30pm. Adult £1.50, child 50p.

JEDBURGH AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB ANNUAL HORSESHOW: Riders of all ages taking part. Sideshows and refreshments.

Montaviot, Ancrum, Jedburgh, Tomorrow, 9.30am-5pm.

HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAY: Some of the best vehicles from the museum's collection will be driven for viewing. Museum of Army Transport, Flemingate, Beverley, Humberside. Mon, parades at 11.30am and 3pm, Adult £2.50, child £1.30

THE GREAT GREEN WEEKEND: Cheshire conservation fair on the Mill Meadow with more than 60 stalls, including Friends of the Earth and dancing, home-made food, real ales and organic wines. Quarry Bank Mills, Styal, near Wilmslow, Cheshire. Today, fives free.

tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm. Adult 50p. child 25p. MAY BANK HOLIDAY AT **DIDCOT:** Connoisseurs weekend bring your railway relics for display. Also steamings and guided tours at noon and 2.30pm. Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxfordshire. Tomorrow, Mon. 11am-5pm. Adult £3.50, child £2.30.

CRAFT WEEKEND: Exhibition and sale of work by Guild of Sussex craftsmen, including blacksmiths, potters, cabinet makers and silversmiths. Refreshments.
The Weald and Downland Open

Air Museum, Singleton, Chicheste Sussex. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm. Adult £2.80, child JOUSTING AT CHILHAM: Max Diamond's spectacular jousting

tournament. Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, Kent. Tomorrow, Mon. Grounds open 1 lam, tournament begins 2pm. Adult £4.50, child £2.

MOLE VALLEY SHOW: Large country show with old-time fair. The Leisure Centre, Leatherhead, Surrey. Mon, 10am-5pm. £5 per car including occupants, pedestrians £1, under

MILTON KEYNES GARDEN SHOW: Weatherman Michael Fish opens the three-day show. Plants, shrubs, tools, equipment and furniture. Seminar programme with individual experts. Milton Keynes Bowl, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5pm. Adult £2, child £1, family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £5. Free shuttle bus from Milton Keynes shopping centre and bus MAY DAY AT MANOR FARM: A

procession at 1.45pm from the park down the lane to the farm with the May queen, maypole, morris and country dancers. Crowning at 2pm.
Manor Farm, Upper Hamble
Country Park, Bursledon,
Hampshire. Mon, 10am-5.30pm. Adult £1.50, child 80p, car

STATELY HOMES

ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON: As the restoration draws to a close this extraordinary building reveals its full glory. Marvel at the richness of the "oriental"

interiors; be dazzled by the bold colour and glittering surfaces. Today to Mon, 10am-5pm. Adult \$2.80, pensioner \$2, child \$1.40. Family ticket £7.

PENSHURST PLACE, KENT: The 14th century great hall, with its massive timber roof, is a breathtaking sight. Jacobean interiors with sumptuous furnishings and fine portraits, and delightful gardens.
Today to Mon, 1-5pm (grounds from 12.30pm). Adult £3.25, pensioner £2.75, child £1.60.
Craft fair on Mon. Craft fair on Mon.

BRYMPTON D'EVERCY, NEAR YEOVIL, SOMERSET: The gardens have just won a Garden of the Year award. The house has been attracting plaudits for many years. An exquisite building in golden Ham Hill stone, its rich history goes back to pre-Tudor Today to Mon, 2-6pm.

WILTON HOUSE, NEAR SALISBURY: One of the great stately homes of England: the double cube and single cube rooms, with their Van Dyck portraits and Chippendale and Kent furniture, are justly famous.

Today and Mon, 11am-6pm, tomorrow, 1-6pm Adult 23.80, pensioner £3.20, child £2.80. Craft fair on Mon. HARDWICK HALL, NEAR

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE: Elizabethan building at its most uncompromising, Bess of Hardwick's great house windows like walls of glass. Inside and out one is left in no doubt about Bess's wealth and self-esteem. The tapestry-hung stairs and state rooms are overwhelming. Today to Mon, 1-5pm. Adult £4.30, child £2.20.

BURTON CONSTABLE, NEAR HULL: A house full of surprises, concealing lavish 18th century interiors behind a lead brick Elizabethan façade. The extraordinary Chinese room echoes the Royal Pavilion, and there is a unique collection of 18th century scientific instruments. Tomorrow and Mon, 1-5pm. Closed Saturday. Adult £2.50, pensioner £2, child £1.20. Collectors' fair on Mon.

GARDENS

DORSET: Deans Court Garden, Wimborne (central Wimborne off 83073). Thirteen acres. parkland, wailed vegetable garden, wild garden, specimen trees. Meet the owner, plant sale of organically grown herbs. Tomorrow, 2-6pm; Mon, 10am-6pm. NCCPG.

KENT: Crittenden House, Matfield, near Tonbridge (6m SE of Tonbridge). Spring shrubs, bulbs, ponds and waterside planting. Tomorrow, 2-6pm. NCCPG/National Gardens

YORKSHIRE: Newby Hall. YORKSHIRE: Newby Hall, Ripon (4m SE of Ripon on B6265). Forty acres of rere and beautiful plants, national collection of dogwoods. Meet the owner, plant sale. Today, 11.30am. NCCPG.

Orchard, Wyke House, Mill Road, Bergh Apton, Norwich. Uncommor plants in 3½-acre oarden. Plant sale. Tomorrow, 2-5.30pm. NORFOLK: The Garden in an

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: Turn End Garden, Turn End, Townside, Haddenham, Aylesbury (3m NE of Thame, take second right on the A418 to Haddenham). Chambered walled garden with variety of plants. Plant sale. Tomorrow, 2-6pm. NCCPG/National Gardens

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STRATHCLYDE: Greenbank Garden, Glasgow (Flanders Road, off Mearns Road; 6m S of Glasgow centre). Ornamental shrubs, range of plants, woodland walk. Garden walk with head gardener, today, 2pm; propagation workshop in coach house, tomorrow, 2-4pm. CORNWALL: Poldowrian, Coverack (signed from Helston-St Keverne Road, B3293). Woodland valley garden along unspoilt coast. Teas. Tomorrow, 2-5pm. Adult £1, child

EXHIBITIONS :

HISTORY LIVES: Iron Age house comes alive with help of Celtic Living History Society. Chiltem Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Chalfort St Giles, Newland Park, Chalfort St Giles, Buckinghamshire. Tomorrow, Mon, 2-6pm. Adult £2, pensioner and child £1.50.

MAY DAY FAIR: Traditional festival of crafts, sports and pastimes culminating in maypole raising ceremony. Mon, noon. Weish Folk Museum, St

10am-7pm. Adult £3, pensioner £2.25, under 16s £1.50. RUSSIAN ROMANTIC: Robin.

Zebalda, concert planist, performs work by the Russian romantics as part of the current revival of great music at Apsley House. Russian ambassador attends. Apsley House, Wellington Museum, 149 Piccadilly, London W1. Tour of the house 7pm, concert 8pm. Tickets (including wine, canapés and tour) £25. **POSTAL PACKETS: Army** postal service history from 1795. National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Cheisea, London SW3. Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm; Sun, 2-5.30pm, Admission and parking free. Until Sept 9.

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

1 An easy solution for crossword, so to speak? (1,4,6,7,4,5)

· 15 Officer giving another order to rearrest union leader (9) 16 New doctrines? I'm converted (11)

17 Surplus sometimes necessitating further delivery (5)

18 Jumble sale I held in allotment -that's an achievement (11)

19 Start firing again as part of army barrage

20 Candidate making minimal change to country, in a way (8)

22 Standard of French kept up by staff (9) 24 Old hat no longer having any shape (3,2,7)

25 Close call for barman, not waiter (4) 27 With preserve, stopped having added

sugar (7) 28 See a trio, perhaps, among classical plays (8)

29 Peace seidom can be arranged without a philosopher (10)

31 Blame within sect mainly attached to head (9)

33 Reviewed amount, incensed about increase (10) 34 Colonies collectively run by workers (6)

37 Reckoning flow, initially, is something bank can handle (7,7) -39 Two sorts of seaman fit for trader (12)

42 In other words, who goes from France fast, appearing in English city? (12)

43 Cavalry training school? (7.7)

45 Confront in French port, say (6) 46 Man of letters? One disturbed Belshaz-

zar (4-6)

47 Like 29's theory, conclusions of one classical sage and intellectual (9) 50 Pines for sticky sweets following slow

delivery (10) 52 Authorize to make revisions after

African capital's cut (8) 54 Just men and colly birds, for example (7)

57 Disraeli, for example, giving attention to Liberal (4) 58 Stopped deductions in reorganization

59 Black oil, dispersed after storm, ruined

island (9) 61 It's obvious insect's tucked into this

62 Check jolly poem's included (6) 63 This might contain fellow leading 'er on

with gin cocktail (11) 66 Giant stars (5)

67 Change of mind's recent, showing acumen (11)

68 Engineer built with care to reduce friction (9)

69 Saw contrasting fortunes in property transfers (7.7,6,7)

1 Right in the middle of a new plan, set Southern Region's line (9.6)

2 Work in theatre, with speech holding extended play up (9) 3 Character in dispute's Timon - I

allocated part (11) 4 Girl's substandard article (5) 5 Possibly a knight, king and queen I put in

a row, oddly (7) 6 Location of prominent bridge in place on

the Tiber (5,4)

7 Lack of stress, say, in subordinate workers? That's ending (14) 8 Moor, for example, using different anchor in raft (5,7)

9 How to adjust sails on a dashed vessel (8) 10 Wine most pleasing to palate in test (4)

11 Charged with crime, pig thief's brought in as usual (10)

12 It can bring Western wheat centre harm

13 Wind up in certain case, referring to statistics (9) 14 Male without sophistication? In a way

that's cruel (11) 21 Agree to arrange house initially for musical entertainment (7,7)

23 Lord Cobham taking in one part of Spain (3,7) 26 What Guy decided to start with his plot — a revolution (8)

28 Excessive trust concerning one criminal I'd found in another (14)

30 It may be used to suppress a report (8) 32 Event that includes our getting tipsy? (7) 33 Yard away from force's old HQ in country (8)

35 Surrounding bat with men I replaced (7) 36 Bishop, for example, set over one city or another (10) 38 Imagine endless sin is fashionable?

Nothing in it! (8) 40 Eternal trio of saints given, perhaps, such immortality (15)

41 See clanger or bloomer (10,4) 44 Pro involved with intricate treatment? Giving protection, in a way, round

demonstration (6-5) No longer time for musicians to get up and play by ear (11)

49 Basic idea learner recollected, in general 51 Uncivilized rugby player (9)

55 Detest having a deadly weapon among

crew, we hear (9) 56 Providing joint coverage? Retain what's required in it (4-4) 59 Principal editor ultimately means to

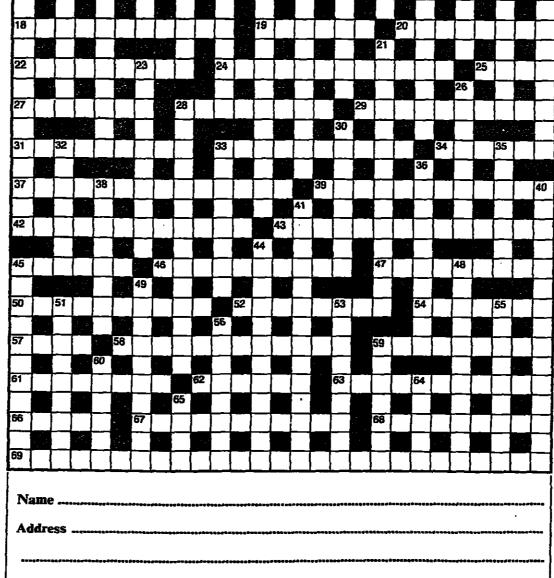
53 Assigns to put sour editor up (9)

join papers (7) 60 Climber's position in complicated ascent (6) 64 Joint put out when jogging (5)
65 Man, for example, Carl despatched from

(yesterday's concise crossword) ACROSS: 8 Mazurka 9 Opera 10 Sol 11 Press gang 12 Scare 14 Angelus 17 Arcadia 19 Navel 22 Expedient 24 Cog 25 Greek 26 Archive The solution to the Easter Jumbo crossword competition and the names of the five winners are published on page 40. Readers might like to know that another £250 prize Jumbo crossword will be published on Saturday May 26. The winners of last Saturday's prize concise No 2164 are Mrs V.E. McCappin, Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, and David Barron, Tile Cottage, gis 13 Car 15 Genetics 16 Usc

on Monday, May 21. Entries should be sent to The Times May Jumbo Crossword Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday, May 26.

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened



SOLUTION TO CONCISE NO 2169 DOWN: 1 Amuses 2 Azalea 3 Drip feed 4 Cape Canaveral 5 Toss 6 Bewail 7 Hag-17 Avenge 18 Copper 20 Victim 21 Lugger 23 Duke

SOLUTION CONCISE NO 2164 (last Saturday's prize concise)

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There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Monday

ACROSS 1 John the Baptist pre-execution entertainment 15 Not a betrayal (2,7)16 "Atishoo" nursery rhyme gar-land (4,2,5)

17 Puccini tragic singer opera (5) 18 Chief religious leaders (4,7) 19 Pipes (6)

20 Orientation (8) 22 In wrong direction (3.6)

24 Joint assessment for sale (2,3,7) 25 Lover (4) 27 Going forth (7)

28 Sanction (8) 29 Sneaked in front (5,1,4)31 Mechanical (9)

33 Infectious disease (5,5) 34 Wisp (6) 37 Gullible

unsophisticate (8.6)39 Light chamber music pieces (12) 42 Unaligned state

(7.5)43 Splendid tacle (9,5) 45 Did as told (6) 46 Reduced in rank

47 Hinter (9) Alexander Fleming biotic (10) 52 Dithering (8)

54 Reprocess (7) 57 Tariff (4) 58 Not intoxicating 59 Till (9)

61 Cosmos (8) 62 Local ordnance 63 Given counsel (4,7)

66 Finalize pencil sketch (3,2) Assaults those

(7.4)68 Encompasses (7.2) 69 Early wedlock danger warning (5,2,5,6,2,7) **DOWN**

contemporaneity (15)2 Final bequests (4,5)3 Funny word mix-

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ing (11) 4 Japanese house screen (5) 5 Entertainer (7) 6 Cheating player (9)

7 Re bird study (14)8 Agitator (12) 9 Wandering knight's life (8)

10 Orient (4) 11 Post Lent flower (6,4)12 Electors (6) 13 Hypocritical (9) 14 Packed celebrities (4-7)

21 Alexander Pope's "dang rous thing" (6,8) 23 90 degrees (5,5) 26 Hobbies (8) 28 Re "digs" science (14)

30 Refreshed memory (8) 32 Monastic style (7) 33 Three-striper (8) 35 Between sunset

and sunrise (2.5) 36 Involving assem-bly (10) 38 Money (8) 40 Mutual reliance (15)

41 Warm friendship (4.10)44 Alcohol tester (12)45 Chance-taking

48 Cunning Florenstatesman (11)49 Mark of blood (10)

51 Fussy fault finder $(3-6)^{\circ}$ 53 Female Indian Peruvian (4.5) 55 Executed Roma-

nian dictator (9) 56 Frozen lake boat $\{3.5\}$ 59 Collapsed volcano crater (7) 60 Sharply (6)

64 Terrible (5) 65 Tommy Handley wartime radio show (1,1,1,1)

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THE WEEK IN PREVIEW

GALLERIES

JAMES MCNEILL WHISTLER (1834-1903): Water-colours. drawings, etchings and lithographs, featuring impressions of some of the American artist's more famous prints.
Ewan Mundy Fine Art, Glasgow
(041 331 2406). From Tues.

THE PURSUIT OF THE REAL! British figurative painting from Sickert to Bacon, taking in most of the best recent British artists, incuding Spencer and Kossoff.

Barolcan Art Gallery, London EC2
(071-638 4141). From Thurs.

SIR MATTHEW SMITH (1879-Sin MATTHEW SMITH (1879-1959): Richly colourful and fluent paintings by an artist inexplicably neglected in anthologies and group exhibitions of British art. Crane Kalman Gallery, London SW3 (071-584 7566). From Fri.

A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY: A retrospective of mysterious narrative paintings and drawings by Patrick Hayman (1915-1988), Canden Arts Centre, London NW3 (071-435 2643), From Wed.

FOLLY AND VICE: The art of satire in paintings and drawings from Hogarth to Grosz and Daumier. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (021 235 2834). From Sat May 12.

TRANSFORMATION - THE LEGACY OF AUTHORITY: Recent works by 21 Soviet painters showing how artists have exploited new freedoms in the period after Socialist Realism. The Minories Art Gallery Colchester (0206 577067), From





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es and Robert (Tony Haase and Robin Driscoll, above) are two mismatched characters whose friendship has developed for reasons of circumstance and history rather than because they have anything else in common. They were brought up together in the small south-coast town of Lancing (which, co-incidentally or not, is the place where Hasse and Driscoll, of the theatre troupe Cliffhanger, met and grew up). Funny, tragic and desperately poignant, the two are jocular and upbeat about their memories, while allowing the audience to read between the lines and see that they are in fact a pair the most incredibly difficult ingredients in comedy to get right; here it is beautifully underplayed so that in the very few moments where it is used, the effect is all the more powerful. One is stopped in the middle of laughter to consider the abject monotony of their lives, friendship and lack of success. I have not always been a Cliffhanger fan, but watching these two Cliffhanger stalwarts demonstrated that the long years of working and improvising together have paid off handsomely. Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, Thurs (Brighton Festi-

0273 676747) CLARICE TAYLOR - MOMS AND HER LADIES: Clarice Taylor - Bill Cosby's mother in The Cosby Show - pursues the love of her iffe: her award-winning tribute to Moms Mabley, the ploneering black American comedienne. Hackney Empire, London E8 (081-985 2424). Mon-Sat May 12.

val box-office 0273 674357, ∝

Carol Sarler

SCREAMING BLUE MURDER: Dithering compere Ivor Dembina enjoys a performer's spot. Sharing the bill are Sean Locke and The Crisis Twins. The White Lion, London SW16 (081-547 3459). Mon.

CONCERTS

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MICHELANGELI: The great planist Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli solos in Beethoven's Concerto No 3 with the LSO under Michael Tilson Thomas. Also playing here in a solo recital, Thurs. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Tomorrow.

FROM GALANTA: Eliahu Inbai conducts The Philharmonia in Kodaly's Dances from Galanta and the 1947 version of Stravinsky's Petroushka. In between, Mitsuko Uchida solos in Bartok's dense, difficult Piano Concerto No 1. Festival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tues.

SARASATE'S ZAPATEADO: Unusual programme from Leland Chen, winner of the Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition, Besides Sarasate's Zapateado he offers "The Devil's Trill" Sonata by Tartini, Enesco's Sonata No 3 "In the Romanian Gypsy Style," Heifetz's transcription of Gershwin's Prejudes and a Brahms sonata. Wigmore Hall, London W1 (071-935 2141). Wed.

WALTON PREMIERE: Sir Neville Marriner conducts the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields in the first concert performance of Walton's music for Olivier's film of Henry V. Festival Hall (as above). Fri.

RUSSIAN ROMANCE: Planist Robin Zebaida performs works by Russian Romantic composers. Apsley House, The Wellington Museum, London W1 (071-370 6769/071-499 5676|. Sat May 12.

PHOTOGRAPHY

19TH AND 20TH CENTURY PHOTOGRAPHS: A quite remarkable and in part unpublished collection of photographs by the 19th-century documentary photographer, Thomas Annan, of Glasgow's slums, comes up for sale this Fri, and can be viewed for three days. The Glasgow Improvement Trust commissioned the Scottish photographer to record the slums of Glasgow and other landmarks. The results were published in 1868 and again in 1900. Also on show, Julia Margaret Cameron's quixotic portrait of Sir John Herschel, 1867, Robert Howland's portrait of Brunel standing before the massive chains of the *Great Eastern*, and several Man Ray portraits. Christie's, London SW7 (071-581

3679). Viewing Tues, Wed, Thurs. FEMMES DE MES AUTRÉFOIS ET DE MAINTENANT: Eight decades of photographs from the late Jacques-Henri Lartigue. Women subjects include his lover, Florette, and actress Nastassja Kinski. Institut Français d'Ecosse, Edinburgh (031 225 5366). From

PETER CATTRELL - DIVISIONS AND PLANES: Glasgow-born landscape photographer. Portfolio Gallery, Edinburgh (031 220 1911). From Wed.

DANCE

TURNING WORLD: international Dance season with Jochim Mon, Tues; Wim Vandekeybus's The Place, London WC1 (071-387 0031). **GLASGOW MAYFEST:** Three more

visiting companies – Ralph Lemon (USA) Wed, and Michele Anne de Mey (Belgium) Fri, both at Mitchell Theatre; Angelica Cel (Netherlands) Thurs, at Third Eye Centre. (Ali tickets 041 227 5511). SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL

BALLET: Season at Sadler's Wells (071-278 8916) ends today. Then touring with La Fille Mai Garde (Mon-Thurs), Paramour, The Dream and Flowers of The Forest Fri and Sat May 12. Congress Theatre, Eastbourne (0323 412000).

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: Two great romantic works: Onegin today at Alhambra Bradford (0274 75200); Romeo and Juliet Mon-Sat May 12 at Mayflower, Southampton (0703 229771).

GEORGIAN STATE DANCERS: War-like men, serene women. Dominion Theatre, London W1 (071-580 8845). Until Sat May 12.

ROYAL BALLET: Sylvie Guillem and Laurant Hilaire in Robbins's Other Dances, with MacMillan's Gloria, Bintley's Galanteries and Page's Pursuit. Covent Garden (071-240 1066). Wed.



Changing fortunes: Peter Barkworth rehearses with Felicity Kendal in Simon Gray's latest play

THEATRE

den Laughter, directed by the author, has its premiere next week as part of the Brighton Festival. Starring actually feel quite guarded about any new piece, so Felicity Kendal and Peter Barkworth, Richard perhaps I had better tell you I absolutely hate Simon Vernon and Kevin McNally, it is set in a country Gray, or, better, that I love him and we are having an cottage, a family weekend retreat. The action covers affair. You can be the first into print with that! I can the family's changing fortunes over a 13-year period. After visiting Guildford for two weeks, the play comes to the Vaudeville Theatre in London in June. tell you that for me the important draw about any new play is not the subject but the way it is written; would gladly be in a play about a football team if it was well done." An actress highly popular with television audiences, particularly after The Good Life Felicity Kendal said of the production this week: "Rehearsals are my favourite time with a play. It is hard work, but you learn new things every day and that is invigorating. Best of all is that everything else series with Richard Briers, she is rarely seen on the small screen now except in repeats. "I haven't any television in the works," she said. "Television and I seem to have parted company recently. I left comedy in my life stops and I can concentrate totally on the work. Rather unusually, I have not previously worked with anyone else in the company except one, series work on purpose and for the past four or five Richard Vernon. Not only is this the first time I have years I have done one or two plays a year. Being in the worked with Simon Gray or in one of his plays, but theatre is what I enjoy above anything else, and I am this is also the first time I have had a playwright very happy with the way things are. I certainly won't get involved with doing any television while I am in directing me in his own work. That is quite an eyeopener, and a luxury, I think. I'm sorry if I am not this." Theatre Royal, Brighton, East Sussex (0273 being very specific, but I do so hate it when I read 28488). Opens Tues.

new Simon Gray play, Hid-

DESIRE: New David Lan play

directed by Andrei Serban. Almeida, London N1 (071-359

4404). Previews from Thurs, opens May 14.

CINEMA

PRETTY WOMAN (15): A gawky prostitute (Julia Roberts) softens the crust of a ruthless

essiv old-tasnioned

Indians on a cross-country journey.

Hugely diverting and sympathetic; with A. Martinez, Gary Farmer.

romantic comedy with a touch of

spice. Director, Garry Marshall. Warner West End, London WC2

(071-439 0791). From Fri.

POWWOW HIGHWAY (15):

Adventures of two American

Director, Jonathan Wacks.

Electric, London W11 (071-792-2020). From Fri.

LEVIATHAN (18): Cliché-logged underwater thriller about scientis

on the ocean floor under attack

from genetic transformation. With Peter Weller, Richard Crenna;

director, George Pan Cosmatos. Odeon Marble Arch, London W1

JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Harsh

who plans a double-cross following

plastic surgery. With Ellen Barkin; director, Walter Hill. Prince Charles, London WC2 (071-

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 5

(18): Robert Englund's vengeful monster tiresomely preying on yet more children. Polished special

effects, but a rickety narrative.

(071-839 1527). From Fri.

Cannon Haymarket, London W1

action fodder, starring Mickey Rourke as a disfigured criminal

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ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL: Ayckbourn directs his comedy of Phyllida Lloyd directs John Nettleton, Deborah Norton. middle-class Christmas. Whitehall, Whitehall, London SW1 (071-867 1119). Previews from Royal Exchange, Manchester (061 833 9833). Opens Thurs. Tues, opens May 15.

VANILLA: Harold Pinter directs Slån Phillips, Joanna Lumley, Marjorie Bland, Niall Buggy, Charlotte Cornwell, in a new play by Jane Stanton Hitchcock. Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-437 3686). Previews from Thurs, opens May 16. THE WILD DUCK: Peter Hall directs

a cast including Alex Jennings, David Threlfall, Nichola McAuliffe, Alan Dobie, Lionel Jeffries and Terence Rigby.
Phoenix, London WC2 (071-836
2294). Previews from Thurs, opens

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actors saying how wonderful it is to

be working with so-and-so and how

marvellous the new play is ... I



At each others' throats: Meryl Streep (left) and Roseanne Barr

dd couples abound in movie history, though the pairing of Roseanne Barr and Meryl Streep in She-Devil still takes some beating. The vicious contrast between the fat, frumpy comedienne of television's Roseanne and the elegant, pencil-thin chameleon from The French Lieutenant's Woman and Out of Africa is crucial to Susan Seidelman's strident version of Fay Weldon's novel The Life and Loves of a She-Devil. The action of the book, adapted four years ago as a BBC series, now unfurls across the Atlantic. Streep plays Mary Fisher, a romantic novelist residing in fatuous luxury in a Long Island mansion styled completely in pink; Barr is the gauche housewife whose erring accountant husband (Ed Begley Jr.) becomes Streep's live-in lover. Weldon's text for her comic sermon is "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned": Barr sets about with fiendish ingenuity to ruin Streep and Begley's lives, giving herself some self-respect in the process. Streep has declared that she wanted to play comedy for ten years. Judging from her brittle performance she is no rival yet for Carole Lombard; top marks for effort, though. Odeon Leicester Square, London WC2 (071-930 6111). Geoff Brown from Fri. certificate 15.

OUTINGS

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DOVER PAGEANT: Pageant depicting the living history of the historic seaport. Connaught Park, Dover (info: 0304 201711/205368). Mon.

STILTON CHEESE ROLLING: Competitions involving teams in ancy dress rolling wooden cheeses over a set route. Stitton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire (info: 0733 243314). Mon.

HELSTON FURRY DANCE: Very old spring festival held on Furry Day (derived from the Latin Ferlag - festivals or holidays), according to Brewer. Heiston, Corravall (into: 0326 572082). Tues.

HARROGATE SPRING FESTIVAL: international festival with classical artists, concerts and performances at various venues throughout the Harrogate, North Yorkshire

(festival office 0423 562303). Wed, Thurs, Fri.

NATURAL HISTORY TOURS: Special opportunity to look behind the scenes at the vast collection of botany plant specimens. Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8896). Thurs.

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JAZZ

LIONEL HAMPTON: Last autumn's set at the Lewisham Festival proved that the old showman should not be written off just yet. Sarbican Centre, London SE1 (071-638 8891). Fri.

ROY AYERS: Two weeks of rather more contemporary jazz-funk vibes from the Ubiquity leader. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (071-439 0747). Mon-Sat.

LOOSE TUBES: The knockabout big band presents more of its orchestral in-jokes. Solihull Arts Festival, Library Theatre (021 704 6962). Thurs.

SHEILA JORDAN: Increasingly mannered, the American singer is at her best on the re-issued Blue Note album, *Portrait of Sheila*. Bass Clef, London N1 (071-729 2476) Tues-Thurs; Brighton Jazz Festival, Concorde Restaurant (0273 606460) Fri.

DUKE ELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: This year's event features early Ellington from the Midnite Follies Orchestra. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Mon.

BIG BAND SWING: Includes the Shades of Kenton Orchestra and Roberto Pia's Latin Ensemble. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon.

OPERA

D'OYLY CARTE: Keith Warner's hitarious production of The Pirates of Penzance travels north. Eden Court, inverness (0463 CZ 1 / 10}. ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: La

Cenerentola, Rossini's Cinderella story in Michael Hampe's Salzburg val production. Alison Browner takes over in title role Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066). Tues and Thurs. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The

Marriage of Figaro, Gregory Yurisich, Lesley Garrett, Steven Page and Valerie Masterson are the sparring couples in this revival. London Coliseum, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Thurs and Sat May

SCOTTISH OPERA: Cosi fan tutte. Jürgen Gosch from the Schaubühne Theatre in Berlin makes his UK debut as director of strongly cast new production, with Jane Eaglen and Thomas Randle among the principals. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234). Thurs and Sat May 12.

MERRY WIDOW (Léhar): Slightly stiff Opera 80 production, but stylishly sung. Arts Theatre, Cambridge (0223

352000). Tues. NATIONAL OPERA STUDIO SHOWCASE: Operatic excerpts given by budding talents. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tomorrow (also today).

SALES

TEATIME: European ceramics and glass; among the prestige names is a charming nursery teaset by Mabel Lucie Atwell (2300-2500). Henry Spencer & Sons, Reford, Notts (0777 708633). Viewing Tues.

LUCKY LOWRY: Tiny pen and ink drawing by L.S. Lowry, won with a 5p raffle ticket by the present owner and now expected to make £200-£400 in this sale of British and frish pictures. Phillips, London W1 (071-629-6602). Viewing today. Sale Tues.

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ROCK



Gig of the week is Thomas Lang's

post-bank holiday show in London's Notting Hill Gate. Lang (above), christened Tom Jones but renamed for obvious reasons, is something of a cult figure. His personalized brand of jazz has little to do with any contemporary styles of pop, yet his first album sold respectably; and the new one, Little Moscow, released at the end of the month, shows evidence of an ability to write more soulful material. Hailing from Liverpool, Lang describes his music (and titled the first LP) as Scallywag Jazz. Lang's moody songs give the impression that he himself is anything but a scally - scouse for a does have a waggish sense of humour. In 1987 he went on the road with Suzanne Vega and in the bar one night suggested she drink a pint of bitter. "The object is to get as much of it down your neck in the shortest time possible". Lang instructed. The sensitive singersongwriter was horrified, thinking he meant it was to be poured down the front of her designer blouse. Thomas Lang's classy blend of light blues and stylish rhythms could put his home town on the smoky, after-hours jazz map. The Electric Cinema, London W11 (071-792 2020) Tues. Mike Nicholls

SUZANNE VEGA: Greenwich Village bohemian folkie-turned-New-Age-yuppie.
Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 261 2606) tomorrow; Cambridge Com Exchange, (0223 357851) Mon.

THE NOTTING HILLBILLIES: What Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler does on his holidays, with a little help from Brendan Croker and triends. Birmingham Town Hall, (021 236 2392) tomorrow; Festival Hall, Corby, Northamptonshire (0536 402551) Mon; Essex University, Colchester (0206 873333) Tues.

BRIDGE

aving been thought ex-tinct, the Individual contest may be on its way back - good news for those who like bridge the way it used to be. Players faced with a new

partner in each round have little time to discuss elaborate systems, so simple methods and basic judgement hold But the promoters of a new,

cash-rich Individual, starting on Monday in Atlantic City. are no starry-eyed idealists with a yearning for the pristine. Why, then, an Individual

and not the usual Pairs with fixed partnerships? "We must assure the integrity of the event," say the organizers. "There is no way we could monitor 100 or more tables." In other words, it's harder to cheat in an Individual. With \$200,000 up for grabs, this is a

consideration. The winner of the London Masters Individual used to receive, typically, a piece of Sheffield plate - but the trophy was highly prized. The two-day event could be hell or heaven, according to how

one's partners performed. Boris Schapiro, successful twice, always had a gallery of kibitzers and they enjoyed his barrage of one-liners — even if

his partners sometimes didn't. One year, Schapiro determined to go low profile. With his first partner, a newcomer to the event, he uttered not a squeak as one wrong contract or unfortunate defence followed another. The final board was cataclysmic.

As his partner glumly en-tered a zero in the "Estimated Score" column. Schapiro found his voice, "At last," he murmured, "I have found a department of the game in which we are in complete agreement." Players whose forte is com-

mon sense do well. When Jeremy Flint won the event he decided to suppress, in response to Stayman, a weak 4card heart suit in a 4-3-3-3 hand. He easily made 3NT, but nearly everyone else went down in four hearts.

When Sidney Silodor won the ACBL Individual he was the only South to spot a simple but rewarding play in this

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At most tables South won the heart opening and led a club to clinch the ninth trick. The queen lost to the ace, a heart came back, and South was held to his contract. Silodor began by cashing

the ace of spades, intending, if both opponents followed small, to switch to a club. As it was, he was able to continue spades, making 11 tricks and ourscoring everybody else, including those who made the same 11 tricks in four spades.

In an Individual, defenders are not always on the same wavelength, as this deal from the London event shows.

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Dealer West Both sides vulnerable.

The sequence was common and so was South's method of play: he won the club lead with the ace and called for the jack of diamonds. All was sweetness and light.

East covered, the ace won, and after drawing trumps South made two overtricks by finessing against the jack of hearts and 10 of diamonds. At one table East did not

cover when the jack of diamonds was led. West snorted at this gaffe but the declarer, Dr Melvyn Rockfelt, rejoiced when the jack held the trick. "Rocky" hastened to lead a

second diamond from dummy, East this time making the startling play of the king. West snorted again, but duly ruffed South's ace, the good doctor now looking as though he had swallowed one of his own prescriptions. The high diamond asked

West to return a beart, the

higher-ranking suit. But West

was unwilling to lead away

from the king and he contin-

ued clubs, losing the chance

for a second ruff. No matter -

holding South to nine tricks

was good enough. Albert Dormer

CHESS

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Federation scale, and the strongest tournament of its type to have been held in London since the great GLC series came to an end in 1986. finished late on Thursday night. The full results can be found in the table. One of the most impressive features of the tournament was the dynamic, Kasparov-style attack- Defence. The only substantial ing games played by the young American Patrick Wolff, who will be declared a grandmaster by the World Chess Federation at its next congress.

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II on the World Chess

White: Daniel King; Black: Patrick Wolff. Watson, Farley & Williams International, April 27. Sicilian Defence. Scheveningen Variation.

So far play has been remarkably similar to the well-known apparently favourable combination based on the Euwe, played at Scheveningen in 1923, which was the location which gave its name to this variation of the Sicilian differences to that earlier

game were that Marcozy had placed his queen on e2 rather than on el, and had played the prophylactic Nb3 instead of Rc1. In all other respects the positions are identical, and Wolff, as Euwe did before 3 him, now strives for central counterplay to offset White's

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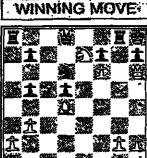
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force to an endgame where he is hopelessly down on material. 22 Sxc7 24 Ree2 26 Bxd8 28 Kg1



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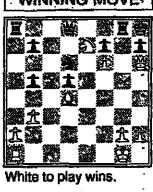
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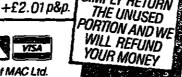
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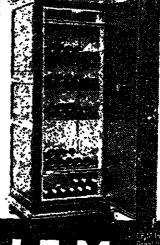
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these are produced by Jane Willingale for her aptly named Loudware collection. Noted for her colourful fabric designs, Ms Willingale turned to ceramics and learnt the basic techniques at an adult education institute. "I soon realized that I was primarily interested in decorating ceramics rather decoration. than making them," she says. So I now buy my whiteware from a commercial manufacturer, although if I need to ceramics are recognizable for work on one-offs, such as large their warm, mustardy yellow

ware using powdered under- glazed, red earthenware clay. glaze colours. It's a simple technique but not taught widely and, curiously, there is not much of this work on sale. "As for designs, I paint whatever comes into my head - vegetables, stars, fish, shoes,

mad people . . . Despite their price - cups cost around £25 each, teapots be used by people on an £60 and dinner plates £40 — everyday basis." Ms Willingale can barely keep up with orders. "I think this is

talented ceramicists and that the pieces are func-like Emma Bridge-tional, so they become a part tend to reflect contemporary water, who opened a of your life," she says.

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Morgen Hall says her career in ceramics began when "I started with mud pies, aged five, and progressed via mod-elling clay at playschool". Now she works from a Cardiff studio, hand-throwing and turning her pieces on a kickwheel before applying slip

A specialist in domestic tableware and large vases — some 3ft tall — Ms Hall's vases, I ask Rena Green to and rusty orange colouring, working to a strict brief.

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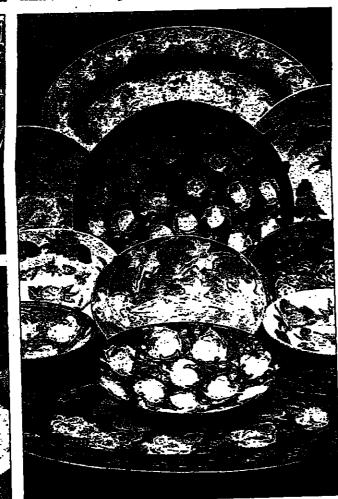
hanks to the drive of because of the bright colours, much over the last few years? ideas faster and more directly than manufactured items. They are cheerful and easy to live with. And more galleries are taking crafts scriously, stocking not just sculptural pieces but functional items." Ms Hall's mugs cost £12 each, teapots £58, and plates with handles £90. Other pieces in the range include jugs, dinner plates, cake plates with zig-zag or spiral edges, bowis, coffee pots and a tea tray.

But no one could accuse Ms Hall of making a quick buck. "Because it is so labourintensive, I carn about £1 to £1.50 an hour once the galleries have taken their percentage," she says. "I certainly don't do it for the money. I am happy to work an 80-hour week because I love it all. I make sure that I can pay the bills with part-time teaching." Ms Hall accepts commissions but prefers to interpret ideas fairly freely rather than

and rusty orange colouring, developed by high-firing to give a burnished look to tinglazed, red earthenware clay.

"It seems to be a boom time for decorative, hand-made ceramics," she says. "Items sell out within a few weeks of reaching the shops and I find it difficult to keep up with demand. But I am loath to put my prices up because they seem expensive enough already, and I want the pieces to be used by people on an everyday basis."

Why has demand for hand-crafted ceramics grown so Stockists include Bhuecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool (051-709 4014); Simon Drew Gallery, 13 Foxs Street, Darimouth, Devon (0803 832832); New Elvet Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds (0532 462495); Castle Museum, Castle Road, Notting-halm (0602 483504). New Elvet, Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds (0532 462495); Castle Museum, Castle Road, Notting-halm (0602 483504). New Elvet, Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); City Art Gallery, 7 New Elvet, Durham (091 384 0081); Ci



Surface chic: Isobel Dennis specializes in raised designs, using pre-carved moulds

Fenella Mallalieu switched from writing about art and antiques to hand-throwing ceramics when she realized she had a penchant for raw clay. "It grew from a hobby into a full-time occupation after I took a two-year ceramics course at Harrow Art College. We then built a studio on to our north London home where I work in white earthenware using low-temperature

Ms Mallalieu specializes in huge platters, jugs, fruit dishes, candlesticks and large bowls. All are functional pieces as well as being decorative, but they have a ceremonial, special-occasion feel about them. She does not attempt to make standard

tableware, but relishes the challenge of one-off commissions, and recently completed a set of 12 dinner plates made to match a client's blue and yellow dining-room.

She has also been invited to contribute ceramics for the National Gardens Festival permanent crafts showhouse when it opens in Gateshead on May 18. These will be auctioned by Christie's when the festival closes on October 21 (for details contact Libby Kemp on 091-487 0722).

So what was the impetus which swept Ms Mallalieu's career in such a different direction? "I found I was spellbound by clay on the wheel," she says. "I loved the excitement of throwing pots

and opening the kiln to find I have transformed a lump of mud into something beautiful. And, these days, so many more people seem to appreciate hand-made things.

"I think the Crafts Council can take a lot of the credit by having raised general aware-ness and presenting a better standard of workmanship to the public, particularly through the Chelsea Crafts Fair."

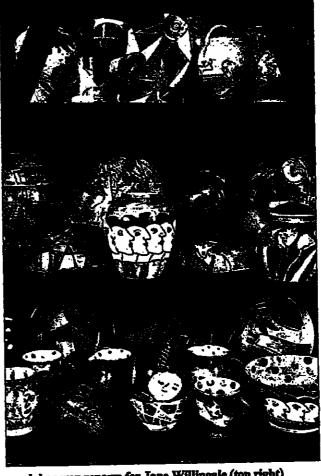
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Touch of skill; hand-painting bright, bold designs on her work has won renown for Jane Willingale (top right)







Step-by-step to success: laying shaped templates on to clay and then building up the surface gives Morgen Hall's ceramics a distinctive style

Surface texture is Isobel Dennis's speciality. By pressing a mould into clay that is still malleable she creates interesting raised designs on her decorative ceramics.

The technique is a bit like 'sprigging', which Royal Doulton and Wedgwood used in the past. But whereas they added a fine relief to the clay so that the decoration stood proud of the surface, I carve a mould which I push into the soft clay," she says. "Initially the colours attract people to my work. Then they touch it and enjoy its tactile qualities."

Her work is a far cry from the hand-built fine porcelain in which she specialized after graduating from Camberwell School of Art, south London, four years ago. Now her range comprises nine different designs and seven styles. Lemons, roses, delphiniums, rosehip berries and hydrangeas decorate some pieces, and these will be joined by jonquils and

grapes, daisies and pears. Adamant about avoiding mass production, and possible loss of quality, Ms Dennis is experimenting to see whether it is possible to adapt her technique to tile-making.

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'I was spellbound by clay on the wheel. I loved the excitement'



Wheel of fortune: former writer Fenella Malialieu goes in for the larger platters, bowls, jugs and candlesticks

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■ FLORINDA, scarcely old enough to walk, was snatched from her home and left to fend for herself.

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lastead of keeping the ball in

play and frustrating the big

Romanian, he kept trying to

hit winners. If he had won the

set, perhaps he would have been deceived into pursuing

the same tactics throughout.

As it was, he dropped his serve

for the third time to lose the

first set after 45 minutes and

never looked back.
Cosac, aged 22, is only a
year older than Sapsford and
has the distinction of being the

Balkans champion. Tall and

athletic, he has the makings of

a good grass-court player, with a big, if erratic, serve and solid

volley, when he decided to use

ii. His mind, however, is more

Sapsford decided that dis-

cretion was the better part of

valour, keeping the ball firmly

on Cosac's backhand and

waiting for the error, the

Romanian stuck to his natural

game, which involved hitting

his serve as hard as possible,

however many double faults resulted, and his ground-

strokes with ever-increasing

power and ever-decreasing

precision. Any rally of more

than half a dozen strokes.

Sapsford invariably won.

fragile than his body.

Cook makes 313 as heat rises and bowlers wilt

By Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent

● GOLF 48

RACING 50, 51

On days such as these, batsmen break records and bowlers break their own hearts. In the shimmering heat of Sophia Gardens, not a single wicket had fallen in more than 24 hours but Jimmy Cook, tireless and expressionless, was the last to concern himself with the imbalance as he made 313 not out, the fourth highest championship score since the war.

Double centuries are all very well but to become a genuine somebody in this figure-conscious game of ours, you need to join the 300 club. Cook managed it, just before lunch on this second day, and greeted the achievement in the same reserved style with which he had acknowledged each preceding milestone. There was no punching the air, no histrionics of any kind, simply a dignified doffing of his blue somerset cap and a vague, satisfied twitch of the moustache.

When Chris Tavaré, himself past 100, declared at lunch with Somerset 535 for two and a third wicket worth 285, Cook's score placed him seventeenth in the all-time list of championship innings. Since the war, only Graeme Hick (405 not out), Jack Robertson (331) and Vivian Richards (322) remained ahead of him and, as if in trepidation of his own Somerset record being eclipsed, Glamorgan's new star stayed off the field all morning.

Richards was said to have a stomach upset, which in the past has been a euphemism for recurrent haemorrhoids. Not this time, apparently. It seems

COUNTY RECORDS FALL

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GLAMORGAN: First Innings
M J Cann c Harden b Jones
H Morris c Hardy b Jones
G C Holmes no out

Bonus points: Glamorgan D. Somer: Umpres. P J Eele and J W Holder.

that his dinner disagreed with him on Thursday evening and, after an uncomfortable night, he was still seedy at start of play. He recovered to eat two lunches before catching up on some sleep while Glamorgan's left-handed openers, Morris and Cann, banished any prospect of the great man needing to strap on his pads in a hurry, with a century stand.

The problem of how to follow Cook might easily have troubled Richards, who is never willingly upstaged. They are, however, so far apart in terms of approach and temperament that the answer would have been a contrast, not a comparison. Richards is turbulent in all he does; Cook's virtue is his tranquility, manifesting itself in batting so good, so studied and so unspectacular that it seems metronomic.

He resumed yesterday on 236 and had to face only one over from Watkin, the only

Trent Bridge

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Casting a clout in sunshine | A cup debut of



1,000 runs and the only man to reach 2,000. In all cricket, his 1989 total was 3,143. Canny bookmakers would not offer long odds against him exceeding that extraordinary figure in his second and last year in county cricket. Cook's usual approachable dignity was evident again,

in the game today.

too complete for comfort.

even after batting through four sessions. It was put to him that he might be disappointed to fall nine runs short of Richards' record but he said: "I knew about it but records don't mean anything to me. Anyway, Viv deserves to keep it because he is a far better player than me. I told everyone, when I came here, not to expect me to play like Viv because I can't do it. I have my own way of playing and I stick

One record Cook did surpass was the highest score against Glamorgan, previously held by Walter Hammond, who made 302 against them in 1934 and again in 1939. Thoughtful as ever, the South African made a point of praising the four-day game which allowed it. "If we had only four-day cricket in the county championship, it would help young batsmen prepare for Tests, he said. The young Somerset batsmen did not, on this occasion, benefit, as Cook kept them in the pavilion, but his point is a



Pulling his weight: Greig on his way to 291, Surrey's best score since 1926, yesterday

great courage from Sapsford

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Bucharest DANNY Sapsford, making until something decisive his Davis Cup debut, gave happens."

Britain the ideal start in their Sapsford Sapsford's mistake was to Euro-African Zone Group One tie against Romania, beauing George Cosac, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 in 21/2 hours. be too aggressive against an opponent who was powerful, but prone to self-destruction.

The fact that the tennis never rose above the mediocre and never gave the crowd in Bucharest, who have not seen a Davis Cup tie for five years, a chance to release their pentup emotions, did not matter. Sapsford showed courage, coming back so strongly after losing the first set that he dropped only another six games in the match.

His success was due partly to a change of tactics in the second sct, partly to the profligacy of the Romanian No. 5, who was so overcome by nerves he served 14 double faults. Long before the end, he had reduced the watching Ilie Nastase, who, with Ion Tiriac, had taken Romania to successive Davis Cup finals nearly 20 years before, to despair. But, as Warren Jacques, the British team captain, pointed out, it is guts that count and the diminutive Sapsford has plenty of those.

"The loss of that first set would have demoralised many players," Jacques said. Given that he had never played in a best-of-five-sets match before, it was one of the finest debuts we have seen in recent years."

Jacques can be forgiven a touch of exaggeration. There is a lot at stake in this tie and Sapsford's victory could mean the difference between a firstround match against the likes of Ghana next year or a playoff tie for the world group against, for example, Sweden. The margin of error is extremely thin; the tennis was always going to be tight.

The first set proved decisive, though not in the usual way. Sapsford lost it and gained in confidence won it and froze. "I was ust relieved to get that set out of the way." Sapsford said, "I knew what I was doing wrong, sometimes you get into a rul the match out of the way in the middle of a set and it's very difficult to get out of it RESULT: D Sapstord (GR) by G Cosac (Rom) 4-6.6-1.6-2.6-3 Great Britain lead Romania, 1-0.

From 1-1 in the second set. Cosac dropped his serve four times in succession and seven times in eight service games. Appalled by the stream of

errors from his countryman's racket, Nastase buried his head in his hands and wished he could have taken the racket himself. Even at the age of 43. with his long black hair as thick as ever and his waistline a little thicker, he could have done no worse than the hapless Cosac, who squandered three chances to level the third set at 3-3.

"I felt at the start that I had to play to win." Sapsford said. "But sometimes on clay you just have to wear the other guy down and that's what I did in the end. It's just a relief to get

Cash at Beckenham

don champion who has been plagued with injury for the past 12 months, will play in the Direct Line Insurance tennis tournament at Beckenham from June 4 to 10.

Cash is in the middle of a comeback and in the past two weeks has reached the final of the South Korean Open in play in the women's singles.

Ivan Lendt, the No. 1, also competes at Beckenham along with Kevin Curren, the 1985 Wimbledon runner-up. and Christo van Rensburg of South Africa. Pam Shriver and Gigi

Fernandez, both ranked in the top 25 in the world, will also

Greig sets pace for historic run-makers

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IF THE bowlers' union truly did exist, imagine the calls that would be flooding in for a special delegate conference and the motions of censure ready to be tabled against the Test and County Cricket Board for undermining the credibility of the union's

Unlike the lilies of the field, most of the bowlers are toiling mightily and spinning until the fingers ache, but the batsmen are enjoying an earlyseason glory probably without precedent in the history of the county championship.

The four-day formula has given them the time. The strict instructions to groundsmen about the quality of pitches has produced the stage, and the use of a ball with a lower and thinner seam has sharply reduced the effectiveness of the enemy.

Last season there were were only three individual scores of 200 or more on the championship. This season there have already been four.

Yesterday Surrey. Somerset and Leicestershire all achieved totals of over 500, a feat achieved by only three sides in the whole of the 1989 championship season.

Surrey's total of 707 for nine declared against Lancashire lan Greig playing an amazing innings of 291, the best score for the county since Jack Hobbs made 316 at Lord's in 1926 - was the highest in the championship since Kent amassed 803 for four against

Essex at Brentwood in 1934. The first series of championship games produced two double-centuries and 13 hundreds. The second round has already brought a triple hundred from Jimmy Cook and Greig's historic innings at the Oval. as well as five other centuries, with two days of play still to come.

The century-makers are not always those high in the order either. Greig was batting at No. 7, the same position filled by Richard Illingworth for Worcestershire, who got the third hundred of his career as he helped his skipper Phil Neale (122) put on 220 for the sixth wicket against Not-tinghamshire at New Road.

Illingworth, whose two previous centuries had been made as a nightwatchman, hit 14 fours in four-hour stay as Worcestershire reached 481. Footweary Nottinghamshire then lost six wickets wickets

against Kent at Folkestone, where Alan Igglesden bowled well for his four wickets, was made to look rather inadequate as Benson and Hinks launched Kent's reply with a partnership of 115.

True, none of the Derbyshire batsmen managed to cash in against a Northamptonshire attack weakened by the absence of Nick Cook with a broken finger, but their total of 303 was sufficient to provide a lead of 101.

The Oxford University batsmen also had one of their better days. They made a The Sussex total of 356 shire's 437 for four.

The black history of Louisville

port does not show us what life should be: it reflects reality. In an unjust society, sport can naturally reflect injustice. And in the wake of the revealing television programme on racism in sport last Wednesday (Inside Story: The Race Game) I hear news from the Kentucky Derby, which is run today. In Louisville, home of the Derby (please say Durrby), a case owner is holding a street party under the title "A Salute to the Black Jockeys of the Kentucky Derby". Black jockeys won 15 of the first 28 Derbys, but the last time a black rider won was 1902. The last black rider who even rode in the race was Jess Conley, who was third in

Shirley Beard, the cafe owner, said: There are black people who have lived in Louisville all their lives and they have never been to the Kentucky Derby. What they don't know is that the blacks started it." The usual explanation for this is that when purses rose at the turn of the century. black riders were shouldered out by an emerging class of white jockeys. This year at the Derby, the first winner of the race will be commemorated by the Isaac Murphy Master in the Irons Award. Murphy was a black rider who

won the first Derby. Dee Simpson, organizer of this



SIMON **BARNES**

ON SATURDAY

award for top-class jockeyship (the inaugural award going to the great Angel Cordero), said: "Everyone knows Aristides was the first horse to win the Kentucky Derby, but nothing is ever said about the jockey that rode in on his back. For some reason the legend has died."

More on racing: first, congratulations to the magnificent John Dunlop, an old friend of this column, for training the winner of the 1,000 Guineas. Second, my racing snout has a strong feeling for Rock City in the 2.000 Guineas today: not only a nice horse, but he should be a nice price as well.

Close encounter

ore on race: The Race Game programme raised so many ▼ issues that one could easily have passed over Brian Close. Close, the chairman of the Yorkshire cricket committee, has often been accused of operating racist policies. Yorkshire, restricted by choice to the Yorkshireborn, have never yet played a Yorkshire-born non-white. Are they confident they have looked hard enough? "Well, what do you expect us

to do? Do you expect us to go rooting round every street in Yorkshire? We can't" "You're suggesting they are foreigners," said the interviewer. "No. I'm not. They were when they first came, but I mean, why should we? We don't do that with our lads. We don't go and give special consideration for our lads at all. If I went to another country, I wouldn't expect people to fall over backwards. It would be up to me to meet them more than halfway. "Shall I tell you something? The

biggest community in this area -Yorkshire - is the Asian community. and with the poorer people. They hadn't bloody jobs over there, came over to come into the textile trade. Low wages. Did you know over in Pakistan and India the poorer people didn't know cricket existed? There's a hundred years of bloody tradition on Yorkshire lads. As soon as a male's born, bloody hell, the fellow says, good. I'm glad he's born in Yorkshire. By the time he's toddling, he's got a bat in his hand. Bloody Pakistanis

didn't know the damn thing."
Thank you, Mr Close, That makes things quite clear.

Desirable position

here is joy unconfined in Brazil as the idiosyncratic winger, Renato, makes his way back into Brazil's squad for the footie World Cup, which will be on us, frightening to think, in a few weeks. Renato was thrown out of the squad

for indiscipline just before the last World Cup four years ago, an incident that prompted his friend, Leandro, to walk out in sympathy. Renato went to play in Italy, for Roma, and was a hopeless flop. But now the man is rejuvenated, playing for the Rio side, Flamengo, and he has a flood of mail as tribute to the the vast nation's vast love for him. "I dream of you every night," writes Maria Renata, no relation, though her letter implies desires in that direction. "I imagine you coming off the pitch all sweaty, writes another admirer, this one male I think this story had better stop right

Digging for gold

n to the more wholesome desires of non-League football, and to those who lust only for 15 square inches of turf from Yeovil Town's pitch. Yes, they are playing the last match at The Huish today, the famous sloping pitch that has sent many a league club slithering to defeat. Yeovil Town, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, are moving to a flat pitch in keeping with today's lofty ambitions, and they have been inundated, they say, with requests to buy bits of the old one. For a fiver, you can buy your 15 square inches of sacred turf. You can have them giftwrapped, and sent to any address you choose. Business began this week with a gentleman requesting 50 quids'

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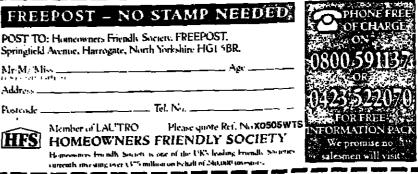
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SANDY Lyle will again lend his support in a bid to raise £2 million for the Paul O'Gorman Foundation for children with

up with a former leukaemia victim, David Evans, for the launch of the charity's second "Sandy's Stableford"—an event aimed at players of all ages and levels around the country. Evans, 14, from Gwynnedd in North Wales, has a handicap of

13 and spends virtually every spare minute on his local golf course. He was one of the thousands of players who responded to the Stableford appeal when it was introduced last

The £2 million target set by the foundation will be used to set up the Paul O'Gorman Centre, which will be the first of its kind and will provide treat-ment and research facilities for childhood leukaemia.

Bernhard Gallacher is not alone in hoping that talk about the venue for the 1993 Ryder Cup ends soon. Plenty of others feel that the discussion has gone on long enough. But the fact that Gallacher, Tony Jacklin, his predecessor as captain, and Neil Coles, chairman of the European Tour's board of directors, are putting their steight behind

are putting their weight behind Spain does not mean that is where the match will be played. Gallacher says he speaks for all the players but Nick Faldo, the US Masters champion, does not agree with him that Club de not agree with him that Club de Campo, in Madrid, would be an ideal venue. "There are other, better venues in Britain," Faldo

He is also in disagreement with Severiano Ballesteros over this issue but Gallacher insists that both men, almost certain to be in the side in 1993, will give their all for the European team no matter where the match is

He dismissed the suggestion that Ballesteros might not be as fired up for action in Britain as he might be in Spain. "He will go out and play his best," said Gallacher.

Lyle adds Faldo is among the to charity victims of a course that Nicklaus built

Card of course

Severiano Ballesteros and

Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe. Even so, Rafferty followed the

round by initimating that he is

not a fan of the first course

that Nicklaus has built in Britain. "It would not be in my top 10," Rafferty said. "You hit the ball 40 yards up a

bank and it comes back down

on the centre of the fairway.

Then you hit another that hits

the fairway and bounces up a

bank. It you hit a bad shot you

should be punished and vice

versa. I think the course would

be more suited to wet

Rafferty would probably mur-der it. He holed not a putt

longer than five feet, which is evidence enough of the quality

of his game from tee to green.

Rafferty enjoys nothing more

than a stiff examination and

he again proved that to be the

(Can), B Ogle (Aus), D Feherty, P Senior (Aus) J Morgan, C Moody, V Fernandez (Arg), S Torrance, P Fowler (Aus), 74; E Dussart (Fr), J Van de Velde (Fr), P Mitchell, I Jervas (Sp), R Davis (Aus), B Galtacher, E Romero (Arg), J Howell, P Broadhurst, R Chepman, N Briggs, R McFarlane, A Saavedra (Arg), J Langmead, J theogymen (Swe), D J Russell.

If that is the case then

conditions.

SCORES FROM ST MELLION

Out 3.357 36

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

THE course that Jack Nicklaus built claimed a legion of victims, including his own son, not to mention the Masters champion, when the Benson and Hedges International began at St Mellion, near

Plymouth, yesterday.

Nick Faldo, who makes errors as rarely as a concert pianist, scarred his scorecard with a seven at the 10th. Bernhard Langer took eight at the same hole and Robert Lee went one over the eight with a nine at the 17th. Jack Nicklaus II, whose father must have told him a thing or two about the course he designed, nevertheless lost his way at the 6th, where he took eight.

The temperature demanded cooling soft drinks, although for some they alone were not enough to revitalise the spirit after a gruelling 4½ hours in the Cornish countryside. Ken Brown had a dry throat and a bitter taste following an 80. He will struggle to survive the halfway cut even though the

qualifying score is likely to be highest so far this season. Ronan Rafferty should have had every reason to smile. He was, too, following a 67 which gave him a share of the lead with Richard Boxall, one case with this performance. ahead of a group that included He gathered five birdies and

PRIST HOUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unives stated): 67: R Rafferty, R Boxall. 68: S Ballesteros (Sp), M McNutty (Zim), J Bland (SA). 68: M Moutand, I Woosnam, S Staphen, C Montgomene, J-M Otazabal (Sp). 71: S Bowman (US), T Johnssone (Zim), D Jones, E Darcy, C O'Connor jun, M Harwood (Aus). 72: G Brand jun. D Whitams, D Lewellyn, K Okckens, B Malley (US), R Winchester ", P Hoad, G J Brand, B Langer (WG) M Clayton (Aus). 73: D Whetan, B Hughes (Aus), J Rutledge

seemed likely that he might drop a shot, Rafferty saved with expert himself

Rafferty became number one in the Order of Merit last year when he won the Volvo Masters at Valderrama, which, incidentally, is the only "really good course" on the European circuit, in his opinion. He has made a fine start this season, finishing twice in four starts, and in the Masters he was 14th. The way in which he coped with Augusta at the first attempt further fuelled the theory that he has the artillery to win major championships in the future.

Ballesteros knows a thing or two about winning major championships. He has also had a thing or two to say about golf courses in recent times and specifically Club de Campo. He was as overjoyed to hear of the Tour's decision to recommend the Spanish application for the Ryder Cup to go to Madrid as he was to finish on Rafferty's tail with a 68. He was also complimentary of Nicklaus's work at St Mellion. "It is very good course." Ballesteros said. There is not much room out there and if the wind blows hard then it will be very

The wind certainly did not blow yesterday when the umbrellas came up only to guard against the sun. Langer must have wanted some place to hide after starting his round at the 10th with that eight. The West German, however, gritted his teeth and clawed his way back into the tournament

CRICKET



In trouble: Faldo in difficulty at the third at St Mellion yesterday after a wayward tee shot

TENNIS

Graf ousts careless Sukova

From Barry Wood

THE last time Steffi Graf played Helena Sukova, in the semi-finals of the Australian Open in January, Graf squeezed through 6-4 in the third set. Yesterday, in the quarter-finals of the Citizen Cup, it was business as usual. Graf won 6-1, 6-2 in 62

minutes, and was delayed only once, in the first game of the second set, which lasted 15 minutes and stretched to 28 points. Sukova held eight points to win that game before losis her serve, a further chapter in a In all, she held 18 game points

in the match, converting only three. The marathon game was a perfect example of why. "She always did the wrong thing." Graf said. "She didn't keep the ball in play or she didn't approach. She didn't know what While Sukova floundered,

Graf played the bigger points with more conviction. "There were points I didn't play 100 per cent, but I was able to concentrate better when it was really important, especially in the second set when she had 40-15 a few times." Graf said. Graf now plays Judith Wies-ner. a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Petra Langrova, and Martina Navratilova faces Arantxa Sanchez

Vicario. Sanchez Vicario defeated Nicole Jagerman 6-3, 6-0, but Navratilova, in winning 6-3, 6-4, was caught out several times Leila Meskhi's excellent crosscourt volleys and service

RESULTS: Third round: M Navratiova (US) bi i Cueto (WG). 6-2, 6-2: L Mesidu (US) bi i Cueto (WG). 6-2, 6-2: L Mesidu (US)R) bi L Gidemeister (Peru). 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, A Sanchaz Vicario (Sp) bi S Hanika (WG). 6-1, 6-1: H Sukova (C2) bi R Rajechrotova (C2), 7-6, 6-2, Quanter-fiscales: S Graf (WG) bi Sukova, 6-1, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austral) bi P Langrowe (C2), 6-3, 6-1; Nevratilova bi Mesidi, 6-3, 6-4; Sanchaz Vicario bi N Jagerman (Neth), 6-3, 6-0.

• HAMBURG: Stefan Edberg who is continuing to be troub by a back injury, has pulled out of next week's German Open

BBC approach to racism is criticized

By John Goodbody

JEOFF Thompson, who is black and five times a world karate champion, yesterday criticized a BBC programme for its sensational approach to racism in British sport.

Thompson, a board member of the Sports Aid Foundation, was involved in the programme Inside Story: The Race Game, which was screened on BBC1 on Wednesday and said: "I smelled a rat from the start. They went for sensationalism. As a kid I was always an ethnic minority

in a minority sport.

"Sport is the one positive platform for people of any cultural gender to achieve against the odds. In may my use, hard work has proved the

Noel Nagle, the director of the foundation, said: "Our own policy among 50 sports to which we grant aid to individuals of outstanding ability is very selective but based purely on perfor-mance. The question of race is not even asked in our liter-

Nagle said he fully endorsed the view of Colin Moyaihan, the Minister for Sport, that there is racism in sport in this country.

Greig has a rollicking day on a perfect pitch

IAN Greig batted yesterday like he never had before and probably never will again. On a pitch which was as near to perfection as makes no odds, he scored 291 out of a Surrey total of 707 for nine. In the course of his haul they broke multifarious records stretching back to last century.

It was Greig's career-best score, the highest total in fourthe third-highest total in Surrey's noble history. Greig's innings was the best by a Surrey player in the champ ionship at the Oval since 1898 and the best by a Surrey player in a championship match anywhere since Hobbs made

an unbeaten 316 against Middlesex in 1926. Greig's innings was not only chanceless but scored at a spanking pace. On Thursday evening he hit the new ball so hard that it was soon scuffed; yesterday he took the attack to the spinners, excelling with the square and the lofted drive. From 56 overnight he was on 201 at lunch. He batted in all for only 277 minutes, faced 251 halls and struck nine

sixes and 25 fours. His brother, Tony, may have been more famous - or infamous but he never achieved anything like this.

All this will please Greig as much as it would anybody, but one suspects it will please match. Very much the martia trophy or two soon. As for Oval.

this match. Lancashire need a mere 558 to save the followon. They made a fair start, largely through Mendis and Atherton after Fowler had been run out by Bicknell's long, flat throw. Greig did not declare until stand at mid-wicket, a huge he was out an hour after lunch, carry. If they had been playing which committed himself to at, say, Guildford the ball

in seven and a half sessions. The oitch is also perfect in th sense that in due course it will take some spin, yet even Laker and Lock would have had a job to manage that.

Greig and Surrey resumed on 396 for six. Medlycott lasted but three overs before he drove Patterson to cover point, whereupon Bicknell provided the ideal support for Greig, in other words giving him as much of the strike as was possible.

This enabled Greig to reach his century in 136 minutes and his second century in just 80 minutes from 80 balls. By now, he had passed the best score of his career, an unbeaten 147 against Oxford University for his old county, Sussex, in 1983. He will be happy with that: success against Lancashire makes for better reading.

Indeed, so steadfast was Bicknell that he and Greig beat Surrey's oldest record for a partnership. They put on 205 - in 41 overs - beating by him even more to win the a run the previous record for the eighth wicket between net, he is passionately keen Hayward and Braund in 1898, that his young Surrey side win also against Lancashire at the

By now, Greig was doing exactly as he pleased. He drove Hughes for three consecutive sixes in an arc from long-on to long-off and in the next over lofted Fitton on to the top tier of the new bowling Lancashire out twice would not have been seen

Hug hes, to his great credit. kept himself on and in his next over had Greig pouched at long-on. It was the first indication of tiredness in an innings which, yesterday, brought him 235 runs off 173 balls. His 291, thought to be the highest score by a Surrey captain, was all the more remarkable for coming

in as low as No. 7. SURREY: First Innings
G S Clinton c Patterson b DeFreitas.
R I Allichen at Hegg b Fitton
A J Stewart c Fowler b Patterson
M A Lynch c and b Watterson
G P Thorpe c Atherton b Fitton
7 A Greeg c Jesty b Hughes
T A Greeg c Jesty b Hughes
K T Mediyoot c Fatherother
b Patterson
M P Bichnell c Hegg b Hughes
N M Kendelch not out
Extras (b 6, lb 16, nb 10)
Total (b wits dec)

Total (9 whits dec) 707 Score at 100 overs: 335 for 6. A J Murphy dd not bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-118, 3-187, 4-261, 5-275, 6-316, 7-401, 8-608, 9-707. BOWLING: Patterson 27-4-108-2; DeFreitas 26-4-99-1; Watturson 23-2-113-1; Fitton 45-6-185-3; Atherton 22-5-75-0; Hughes 22-1-9-105-2. LANCASHIRE: First Immgs

Bonus points: Surrey 4. Lancashire 2. Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones.

Worcs v Notts

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T S Curits C French b Cooper
G J Lord b Pick
A Hick b Stephenson
D 8 D'Offiverra c Evans b Pick
P A Neale b Hemmings
I S R Lampitt at French b Hemmings
R K Bingworth b Stephenson
J Newport c Newel b Pick
G R Dilley b Hemmings
S R Bewarn not out
S M McEwan Ibw b Fick
Extras (b 10, be), w 2, nb 77

Score at 100 overs: 285 for 5.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-133, 3-154, 4-133, 5-266, 6-426, 7-432, 8-451, 9-481.
BOWLING: Stephenson 35-4-112-2; Cooper 37-11-113-1; Pick: 36,5-5-18-4; Hemmings 51-21-117-3; Newell 1-0-1-0.
MOTTINGHAMSHMRE: First Immings B C Broad c Newport b Daley 2
M Newell c Lampkt 5 Newport 11
R T Robinson not out 6
P Johnson c Diley b Newport 3
D W Randall 6 Lampkt 5
TB N French b Newport 10
F D Stephenson not out 0
Extras 5

Total (6 wids, 26 owers) 49 J Evens, E E Hemmangs, R A Pick and K Cooper to bat. Bonus points: Worcestershire 3, Not-tinghamshire 2.

Kent v Sussex SUSSEX: First Innings I D K Salisbury not out A1C Dodernade c Cowdrey b ligglesder J A North b ligglesder A R Hansford c Mersh b Elleon Extras (b 5, lb 16, w 1, nb 2) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-133, 3-225, 4-257, 5-269, 6-268, 7-286, 8-296, 9-318.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS 14-75-2; Flaming 14-8-20-0. KENT: First knings

M R Benson S G Hanks c North b C M Wells ... N R Taylor not out Total (1 wirt, 58 overs) 157
TR Ward, "C S Cowdrey, †\$ A Marsh, M V
Fleming, R M Elison, P S de Vibers, A P
Igglesder and R P Davis to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-115. Bonus points: Kent 1. Sussex 3. Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews.

Northants v Derbys NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Imings 202 Second Innings

DERBYSHARE: First Innings
P D Bowler Buy b Robinson
A M Brown c Fortham b Govean
C J Adams c Larkins b Capel
K J Barnett c and b Capel
K J Barnett c and b Capel
S C Goldsmith b Robinson
S C Goldsmith b Robinson

Jean-Jacques run out E Malcolm not out Extras (b 5, lb 19, nb 7) ... Derbysning 4. Umpres: J H Harris and R A White.

Cambridge v Middx MIDDLESEX: First Innings 320 for 4 dec (M A Roseberry 85, M R Remprakash 118 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings S P James not out Hear not out Extras

M J Lowrey. "J C M Atkinson, M J Morns, G B A Dyer, †R J Turne", R A Pyman, D H Shufflebotham, A Buzza and R J J Jeniuns res; V A Holder and M J Kitchen.

Oxford U v Hants HAMPSHIRE: First Immigs

V P Terry c and b Turner 112

C L Smith st McGrady b Turner 148

D I Gower c and b Crawley 72

R A Smith c Van der Marwe b Lurin 44

M C J Nicholas not out 37

(R J Parks not out 55

Extras (D 9, B 4, nb 6) 17

Total (A extra due) 177

Total (4 wkts dec) 437 L A Joseph. R J Maru, C A Cornor, K J Share and I J Turner did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-264, 2-275, 3-383, 4-427.

BOWLING: Van Der Merwe 22-5-77-0; Winchester 10-0-50-0; Crawley 20-1-100-1, Turner 32-4-148-2; Lurin 13-2-49-1. OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First inner
A Hagan c R A Smith b Maru
E Morris c Parks b Shine
J Kilborn c C L Smith

Total (5 wkts) ... M J Russell, H Davies, A Winchester and †J E McGrady to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-80, 3-104, 4-142, 5-171. s: H D Bird and R Julian.

 Sussex have signed the wicketkeeper, Derek Pepperell, even though they have three other wicketkeepers on staff. Their first choice. Peter Moores has Ian Gould and Martin Speight as potential deputies. But Sussex have taken on Perperell, aged 21, for the second XI because neither Gould nor Speight wants to keep wicket unless required by emergencies. Pepperell comes from Ringwood and was in Hamp-shire's second XI last season.

batting **flowers** By Richard Streeton

Lewis's

A MAJDEN century by Chris Lewis, who finished with 189 not out, helped Leicestershire to reach 520 against Essex at Chelmsford yesterday on the second day of their four-day Britannia, Assurance, champe, Britannic Assurance champ-ionship match. On a day of mountainous scoring around the circuit, this was Leicestershire's highest first-class total for 43 years.

It was a remarkable performance by the all-rounder, who dominated a succession of useful stands with tailend colleagues. He batted six hours 10 nutes and hit five sixes and fours. He survived chances at numerous well timed strokes and showed a cool temperament as senior partner. Last week in Leicestershire's

opening championship game against Glamorgan, Lewis took 10 wickets. His brisk fastmedium bowling and splendid fielding hitherto have always been considered the stronges facets of his game. This innings suggested that he has turned a corner in his batting development, which could be good news for England.

Lewis's previous best score in county career which began three years ago was 69. It was ironical that Essex should suffer at his hands as Keith Fleicher has always predicted the brightest future for him. It was Fletcher in Kenva who urged England to switch Lewis from the A team to the Caribbean when Elicock had to return

Leicestershire were 323 for six overnight, with Lewis 57, and e Essex bowlers did not obtain the consolation of a wicket until mid-afternoon. Essex took the new ball at the start but made little impression on Lewis and the left-handed Gidley, whose off spin could come into its own The score was 371 when Gidley was forced to retire after being struck on the left hand by a lifting ball from Foster an X-

ray found nothing to be broken.
Agnew replaced him and proved equally obdurate. By lunch Lewis was 132 and looking more and more relaxed and confident. Agnew, who is far from the world's worst No. 9, was finally

beaten when he played back to a googly from Shahid. Agnew had helped to add 87 and when he was out Gidley returned to the wicket. In Shahid's next over, though, he gave the bowler a

Lewis was well supported by Ferris and Mullally as he moved past 150 with a straight six against Shahid. He hit three more sixes against Such and Childs before Foster took the last two wickets.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon low b Such
"N E Breers c Germann b Such
J Uthather c and b Such
L Potter c Pritchard b Waugh
J D R Benson c Shahid b Foster
C C Lewis not out
(P Winticase low b Waugh
J P Agnew low b Shahid
J P Agnew low b Shahid
J P Agnew low b Shahid
G J F Ferrs c Waugh b Foster
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 4, nb 1)
Total

Score at 100 overs; 234 for 4. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-145, 2-178, 3-197, 4-214, 5-303, 6-309, 7-458, 8-460, 9-498, BOWLING: Foster 41-8-102-3; Andrew 20-3-7-2-1; Waugh 23-57-62: Chuls 41-14-88-0. Such 43-7-118-3, Shahid 13-1-ESSEX: First Innings

... (tow on) icto` P J Prichard, M E Waugh, B R Hardle, N Shahid, †M A Garriham, N A Foster, J H Childs, S J W Andrew and P M Such to

Umpires. D R Shaphord and K E Palmer,

Yorkshire struggle after missed catch

BEATEN by an innings by Northamptonshire in their first championship match, York-shire look like losing this one as shire look like losing this one as well. Having conceded a first innings lead of 92 they lost three second-innings wickets in scoring a hundred, by which time the spinners had come into play. For the first 75 minutes of the day Yorkshire fared well

enough, reducing Warwickshire from an overnight 111 for four to 162 for eight. They then dropped Donald before he had bud a partnership between Don-ald and Smith which was worth 80. Worse still, Moxon, who put down the catch at second slip. split the webbing on his right hand in doing so, an injury which required stitching and prevented him from opening Yorkshire's second innings.

Without Donald's escape we should have been denied a most attractive innings from Neil Smith, son of M. J. K. It must be maddening to be referred to. almost invariably, as the son of your famous father, especially, I dare say, when you have to you own credit the straight drive for six which won last year's NatWest final for Warwickshire. But I can't help it. Neil is so uncannily like Mike in the field

that it is ridiculous. At the wicket it is another story. Mike was one of the game's great "lappers", depositing into the gaps on the leg side, sometimes out of sheer devilment, balls which belonged almost anywhere but there Of the 13 boundaries which he hit yes-terday 10 must have gone Yorkshire will have to think of paying him to stay away. In his previous championship innings against them, at Scarborough last September, he scored to! not out, his one first-class hundred. His 83 not out now

When Yorkshire came to go in again they found a very 5.

different sort of pitch from the Umpres: H Palmer and P B Wight.

one on which they had batted on Thursday morning. They have lodged a formal protest, incidentally, based on the fact that it was not until half an hour before the match began that the

ground staff removed the cov-ers, fearing that if, in this heat, they did so any earlier, the pitch would never last.
Yorkshire believe that the moisture which the covers retained had more than a little to do with the ball moving about so much in their first innings. Tuch co anyway, the regulations say that in fine weather the covers

should be removed by 8am. When Yorkshire batted now it was not the seamers who troubled them so much as the spinners. Against Small, Donald and Munton, Kellett, who opened instead of Moxon, and Metcalfe made 50 in 15 overs tea it was 63 for two with Smith bowling off breaks, Booth slow left arm and the ball turning. Poor Yorkshire, they had not bowled very well, but

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 167 (Small 40

Second Innings
S A Kellett si Humpage b Booth
A A Metcatle b Smith
B J Blakey not out
P E Robinson not out Extras 9
Total (2 whis) 90
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-57, 2-61.

WARWICKESHIRE: First Immings
'T A Lloyd b Fietcher 31
A J Moles they b Sidebottom 6
Asil Din c Blakey b Sidebottom 7
A I Kallicharran low b Fietcher 2
I G W Humpage flow b Sidebottom 52
D A Reeve c Mozon b Fietcher 83
P A Booth low t Jarvis 15
G C Small b Jarvis 15
G C Small b Jarvis 15
T A Munton low b Fietcher 0
Extras (b 10, 16 6, w 5, nb 4) 25
Total (80 5 overs) 259
FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-11, 3-38, 4-43, 5-127, 6-134, 7-162, 8-162, 9-242.
BOWLING: Jarvis 16-1-52-2, Sidebottom Extras

BOWLING: Jarvis 16-1-52-2, Skdebottom 18-4-54-3, Fletcher 20 5-6-47-4, Gough 14-1-53-0: Carnek 10-3-31-1, Wight 2-0-6

Bonus points: Warwickshire 7, Yorkshire

Akram hat-trick seals victory for Pakistan

From Qamar Ahmed, Sharjah

WASIM Akram scored a breezy 49 off 35 deliveries, including three sixes and one four, and then took a hat-trick to help Pakistan to beat Australia by 36 runs and so retain the Austral-asia Cup at the Sharjah Stadium yesterday. In reply to Pakistan's 266 for

seven in 50 overs. Australia were bowled out for 230 in 46.5 overs. Akram, the man of the match, took three wickets in 8.5 overs, conceding 45 runs. The victims of his second hat-trick in one-day internationals, Hughes, Rackemann and Alderman, were all bowled in the last three deliveries of his final over. There were three notable partierships as Australia chased a run-rate 5.34 an over. Boon and Mark Taylor put on 62 for the first wicket, then Waugh and Taylor added 69 for the fourth. Waugh and O'Donnell then shared 54 for the fifth, but the other batsmen fell to a superb display by the Pakistan bowlers. Pakistan, having won the toss, batted first and lost two wickets

for 54 runs. Thereafter, Salim Malik took control, scoring 87. including nine fours and a six off O'Donnell. After Salim Malik's dismissal in the 45th over. Akram maintained the flow, taking 14 off Rackemann's ninth over. He

was dropped by Healy

off

Rackemann on 30, and in the last over of the Pakistan innings, clouted O'Donnell for two straight sixes in a row,

PAKISTAN
Anwar c Healy b Rackemann
Salim Yousul they b Aiderman
Javed Mendad c Healy b Waugh
Salim Malik c Border b P Taylor
Jaz Ahmed c Healy b Rackemann
Imran Khan c Healy b Rackemann
Mansoor Rana run out isim Akram not out ishtaq Ahmed not out ... Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 9) Total (7 wkts. 50 overs) . Waqar Younus and Aaqib Javed did not

bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-54, 3-80, 4-109, 5-154, 6-179, 7-207. BOWLING: Alderman 5-1-22-1: Hughes 10-0-55-0: Rackemann 10-0-49-3: O'Domeil 10-0-66-0: Waugh 5-0-22-1; PL Taylor 10-0-39-1.

SOWLING: Wasan Akram 8 5-0-45-3; Acqb Javed 7-0-27-0; Wagar Younus 8-0-38-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-48-3; Imran Khan 7-0-28-0; Saed Ahwar 6-0-34-0; Umpires: R B Gupta and B Aldridge. **TABLE TENNIS**

Visa delay threatens Chen's

new career By Richard Eaton

CHEN Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from China, who is in the England team for this month's World Team Cup in Japan, may not get there, Indeed, Chen, who has a wife, child and home near Hudders-field, may never play for this country at all because of visa problems that have become a potentially devastating last-moment obstacle. A spokesman at the Japanese

Embassy said yesterday that Chen was "unlikely" to get a visa on his Chinese passport before the flight to Tokyo on May 14. If so he may have missed his last chance to escape through the stable door before it shuts in July in Casablanca where the international federation looks likely to change its eligibility rule from two years' domicile to six. That would be a sad last twist

to a drawn-out story that in-cluded a fierce battle within the English association as to whether Chen should be considered without a British passport. This was won last month by Chen's supporters, despite the protracted opposition of the chairman. John Prean. But immediately Chen ran

into further problems. These occurred when the British immioration authorities refused him a re-entry visa for his return after the World Team Cup. It needed the help of the Sports Council to get that decision reversed, but the delay in getting it done could prove crucial.

There is now a week's public holiday in Japan and, with only holiday in Japan and, with only 10 days to go before Chan's departure date, that may not prove long enough to get the entry visa in time. "Xinhua has been backwards and forwards trying to cope with all this and has been under so much pres-sure," his Yorkshire wife, Jeanette, said. "It has made it difficult for him to find time to practice properly."

Chen may also find it difficult

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to get visas in time to take up invitations to the Nittaku All Stars circuit in Spain, Greece and Mexico. and for the United States Open — all of which augured a spectacular rebirth to his international career.

Prean seeded No. 1 ahead of the holder

CARL Prean, unranked in this country and yet to win a national singles title is the favourite to win the Leeds national championships starting in Oldham today. If he succeeds, it would be a remarkable climax to an unusual scason (Richard Eaton writes).

The Germany-based Isle of Wight player, who asked to be removed from the rankings because of his objections to the way in which they are cal-culated, has gained the No. I seeding ahead of Alan Cooke, the champion for the last two years, and Desmond Douglas. Prean has been the country's best player this season, with a European league record which should have seen England challenging for the title, and he has been rewarded with the good fortune of seeing Cooke and Douglas drawn in the other half. The women's front runners

are Lisa Lornas, the holder Alison Gordon, the No. 1 seed and Fiona Elliot, the former national Top Twelve champion

CYCLING

Kelly to resume racing

By Peter Bryan SEAN Kelly was given the goahead to resume racing again yesterday, a month after break-

ing his collar-bone in the Tour of Handers.

The World Cup champion from Ireland makes his return to competition in a 160km (100-mile) race near his Belgian home Kelly goes back to the hospital in Eindhoven. The Netherlands.

where he received treatment. next November for an operation to remove the plate inserted to aid his recovery. He will still base his season

around the Tour de France, which starts on June 30, riding the Tour of Switzerland imme-diately before as a preparation event.
Although he has missed half a

dozen important races because of his crash, Kelly is fifth overall in the world rankings, behind Laurent Fignon, Charly Mottet and Tony Rominger, His enforced rest has resulted in a slight weight gain but Kelly says that one hard race in Belgium will take off any surplus.

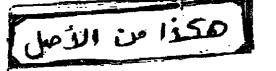
SAN ISIDRO: Carlos

Hernandez powered his way up among patches of snow to win the mountainous eleventh stage of the Tour of Spain race here vesterday (Reuter reports). The Spaniard's solo effort left hun 42 seconds ahead of Alvaro Mejia. from Colombia, in second place. Marco Giovannetti, of Italy, took the overall leadership from Julian Gorospe, another Span-iard, who lost more than four minutes on the barren slopes to the 1,700-metre high ski resort. Hernandez, the Spanish champion, broke away in the last kilometres to overtake his exhausted compatriot, Jesus Montoya, who led for much of the climb. The stage-winner was

which included three mountain The riders face another tough stage today over 156 kilometres and five mountain passes. tinishing with a short steep climb to the Naranco pass near

unofficially timed at 5hr 41min 54sec over the 203 kilometres.

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THE TIMES SATURDAY MAY 5 1990 Ice perils on the dash for home

CEL

ARMED with a new mainsail, Lawrie lightweight genoa and boom, the Rothmans crew set out today on the final, 3,785-mile dash across the Atlantic with one aim - to beat our Swiss rivals on Merit to the finish of this race. I have not lost hope of winning, but to be realistic, it can only be an act of God or sheer stupidity that now robs Peter Blake's New Zealand ketch, Steinlager 2, of overall VICTORY.

Blake and his boys, who have won each stage so far, have built up a commanding 35-hour lead over their second-placed New Zealand nvals on Fisher & Paykel. We are in fourth place, with the task of overhauling Merit's a body of warm water that

eight-hour lead to capture sweeps northwards past New-**OVERALL RACE POSITIONS**

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INSTEAD of an affectionate

round of applause for a plucky

loser, an ironic cheer will

reverberate around the first

division at about 4.40pm to-

day if, as seems likely, Luton

Town's membership is ter-

minated after eight turbulent

seasons. Never has a club won

so many friends with its

football, yet made so many

Rightly, and most times wrongly, Luton have stood by

their beliefs almost through-

out, ever since they gained

promotion on the strength of

their most honourable prin-

ciple, that of attacking foot-

ball. They have been obstinate

to the end and we should at

least be grateful for their

determination to remain true

to the footballing philosophy

of David Pleat, who skilfully

managed the club for 10 years.

the public may feel towards

the fate of a club which barred

outsiders from its ground and

brought new meaning to "home advantage" with its

plastic pitch, one has to view

with compassion and puzzle-

ment the sudden demise of

minors that took on the

majors and beat them without

resorting to aggressive or un-

first division is a small miracle

in itself, never mind success to

boot. Yet not only did Luton

once they were promoted,

they even had the audacity to

carry off some of the silver-

Cup two years ago and return-

appear to clutch now is a one-

way ticket to the second

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imaginative tactics.

However unsympathetic

enemies with its politics.

121:07:55; 14. Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 132:07:06. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 130:13:41. Division 3: 1, L'Esprit de Uberte (P Tabarly, Fr), 142:15:37; 2, Malden (T Edwards, 58), 144:09:07; 3, Schussel von Bremen (H Muller-Rohlt, WG), 145:13:31; 4, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 158:23:15; 5, Rucanor Sport (B Dubos, Beb, retired on fourth leg, Cruiser di-vision: 1, Creighaons Naturally (J Chitenden, GB), 145:22:52. • Compiled by British Telecom.

Roger Smith, chairman during

these lean times, expressed

their desire to be paid back the

£2 million, including interest.

that the club owed them. The

sale of Luton's biggest asset,

their Kenilworth ground, to the council for £3.2 million,

with a promise of relocation

within seven years, made the

repayments to Evans and

ground should have been nec-

essary after Luton's profitable

performance in cup com-petitions and in the transfer

market is a moot point, But

John Smith, who was manag-

ing director until he resigned

last year to take up a post with

MCC, insisted that it needed a

£300,000 subsidy every year

club with a third division

following and a first division

wage bill are naturally high. It

requires housekeeping of the

most prudent sort. This,

according to Pleat, it no longer

had after he left to join

Tottenbam Hotspur four

with what one or two people have done around the club."

he said. "I wish I could have

handled it. It wouldn't have

been in the state it is now,

directors have done and I

think, 'In the end, well, the

club was just a plaything for

Pleat paints a picture of a

club that overreached itself.

"Some of the players became

was player power but the club

were earning."

John Moore and Ray

wealth for two years after

the second division, planned an

announcement at the end of

May, but Elton John, the chair-man, said from Los Angeles

yesterday that the directors had been impressed by Lee's attitude

"I'm very disappointed

years ago.

For a concern like Luton - where they are begging clubs "lacking chimney pots", as to take players off their hands.

Pleat put it - survival in the I look at what some of the

ware, winning the Littlewoods fat cats. I wouldn't say there

ing the following year to succumbed to their demands defend it. From holding a and put them on a financial

season ticket to Wembley footing that they could not

(they made three appearances cope with. I was shocked when

there in 1988-89), all they I heard what some of them

division and comparative Harford lived off the fat of this

The romance with success Pleat left. But Harford, who

The operating costs of a

for Luton to survive.

Whether the sale of the

Smith possible.

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Lawrie Smith, captain

the World Race.

SICODS

Rothmans, previews the last

leg of the Whitbread Round

The Whitbread has always

had a sting in its tail, and

though we are setting a new

course for home, our long-

range weather forecasts sug-

gest that this last leg will be far

foundland at up to four knots. We expect southerly reaching winds for the first two days, but then conditions are expected to turn nasty when the wind changes to the north, transforming the Stream into steep standing seas. We carry a special receiver for infra-red satellite weather pictures to help us to stay in the main body of the Gulf Stream. third overall and lead the

However, having broken the boat once when smashing through heavy pounding seas experienced during the first leg, the decision may have to be taken to break out into the flatter waters on either side to save the boat and rig. The next hazard are the large number of icebergs and growlers [small icebergs] reported right across our optimum course south of Newfoundland.

We've run a similar gauntlet in the Southern Ocean and learned not to rely on our radar to pick out the dangers, particularly the smaller lumps which are still big enough to put a hole in the boat if we hit one. The problems may be made worse by the notorious fog that too often shrouds the Grand Banks. All we can do is take it in turns to stand picket duty by the mast and keep and a second patern of lows in

A plastic ticket to oblivion

powers and to satisfy the

demands of the board to move

out the expensive older play-

ers while still needing their

Even then Harford was

criticized by his chairman for

being too defensive but with-

out the protection of success

in cup or League this season,

he soon came under pressure.

That intensified when Lars Elstrup began to fail for

reasons of injury or whatever after his £900,000 purchase.

But Harford still managed to

show a profit on his dealings,

thanks to the £1 million the

club received from Queen's

Park Rangers for the sale of

Roy Wegerle, whom Harford

had signed for just £75,000.
"I'll get the blame no doubt

from some of the crowd if they

go down but I'm not embar-

rassed one little bit. I'm quite

proud of my job of work,"

Luton suffered more than

most with injuries, particu-

larly at centre back. But it has

been their failure in attack,

one time their strong suit,

As if the sale of Wegerle and

Mick Harford and the in-

consistency of Elstrup was not

bad enough, they missed out

on the opportunity of signing

Ronnie Rosenthal when Ray

Pinney, a director, withdrew

his offer to buy a major share-

John Smith blames the

belated hand-over of the

chairmanship to Roger Smith for Luton's failure. When

Evans stepped down, Brian

Cole took over for a short

period but, Smith said, he

lacked sufficient experience to

handle affairs at a critical

Pleat deserves the final word: "If they go down, they'll

iust have to be brave, tighten

their belts and educate

supporters into having realis-

tic ambitions. I would say to

Jim Ryan [the manager], prove that you can build a

club. It can be done if you're

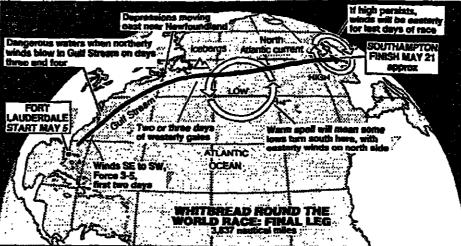
First division

holding in the club.

which has been their undoing.

Harford said.

experience to win games.



eyes peeled. While Britain basks in unusual Mediterranean weather, we will be paying the price for it out in mid-Atlantic.

According to David Houghton, our weather guru, the jet-stream responsible for sweeping the worst of the Atlantic weather across our shores has moved north a month earlier than usual. As a result, we can expect a succession of low-pressure systems to sweep eastwards across our course near Newfoundland

mid-ocean will present us with strong westerly gales for two or three days for those who judge them right, strong headwinds for yachts caught out to the north of them.

If the high-pressure system persists over the British Isles. Houghton predicts light easterly winds during the last few days, placing a premium on local knowledge of the tidal gates at The Lizard, Portland Bill, and Anvil Point. Rothmans needs to make eight miles a day on Merit if we are to win this private tace

for sloop honours, but there are enough potential traps during the leg to give us a 100mile lead overnight.

What I'm hooing for is strong weather across the At-lantic followed by a lengthy period of light winds along the south coast. If we get the breaks, then we are in with a

if the weather patterns prove to be more stable than predicted, expect a very close finish in Southampton Water around May 21.

Places in

Europe

on offer in

Scotland

Opie and Le Moignan recover in fine style

LISA Opie and Martine Le "That was the vital game," Opie Moignan overcame Australian said. "We are so evenly matched that we both knew whoever won reach the semi-finals of the £20,000 tournament here.

the two Guernsey players after disappointing performances in the recent British Open, where Opie, the England No. 1, went out in the quarter-finals and Le Moignan, the world champion, failed to reach the last eight for

the opening game and in fact missed four chances herself

GYMNASTICS

players and fans of the club in fifth position, who would face a summer of uncertainty.

Maurice Malpas, of Dundee United, returns to first-team

At Tynecastle, Hearts' defen-ive partnership of Dave

impress the Scotland manage-ment as they face the inter-national strikeforce of Maurice Johnston and Ally McCoist, of • MILAN: Rund Gullit yes-

months ago, is still causing him problems and said he will play in the Champions Cup final with AC Milan and in the World Cup with Netherlands (AP

Iniuries keep Irish waiting

Neill and Douglas are Glentoran's invalids, and injured McCreadie and McKeever are the worry at Portadown.

for the first time, have never won the Irish cup. It would be a remarkable achievement to complete the double, but one well within their capabilities.

By a Special Correspondent THE final day of League football in Scotland sees most of the season's promotion and relega-tion issues settled, but there is

still a lot for teams and individual players to play for. In the premier division, Euroon football beckons for Celtic. Dundee United and Hibernian.

Having played their last game in midweek and lost to Aberdeen, Celtic will have to win the Scottish Cup if results go against them today. Dundee United need draw with St Mirren at Love Street to finish in fourth position. They would, however, require Aberdeen to win the Cup to allow them a UEFA Cup place.

Hibernian's situation is more unclear. They must win at East End Park, Dunfermline and hope that Dundee United lose and Aberdeen win the cup.

The European metrics is The European position is made more complicated by the possible return of English clubs into the arena. If they were to be refused entry, a third UEFA place would be on offer in

Such an offer relies on the behaviour of English fans at the World Cup in Italy, and its possibility will be a scant consolation to the manager.

duty for the first time since March 24. A good performance could earn him a place in the Scotland squad to be named on Tuesday for the forthcoming games with Egypt and Poland.

McPherson and Craig Levein will also have the opportunity to

terday denied reports that his right knee, which he injured 11

NEITHER Ronny McFall, the manager of Portadown, nor Tommy Jackson, at Glentoran, will name his team for today's Bass Irish Cup Final at Windsor Park until this morning (George

Glentoran, who have won the trophy five times in the last seven seasons, have annexed three trophies this season. Portadown, Irish champions

ATHLETICS ATTILE 18.5

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MURICH: Men's tournement: Singles: Second round: K Novacok (Cz) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-2, 7-8; J Wörmann (W6) to C-J Sueb (WG), 7-5, 6-4; P Korde (Cz) bt K Gurran (US), 7-5 6-1; C Bergstrom (See) bt U Rigiteusti (W6), 6-1, 4-8, 5-8.

SQUASH RACKETS Jackman leads an impressive show

by **English** juniors From Colin McQuillan, Zurich

WHILE an entire senior team of sinki to tour, was restricted by English women was crashing out Wright to an unsuccessful secof the first round of the Stretch Challenge in Hong Kong, its young replacements yesterday earned plaudits from opponents in the early pool rounds of the Lista European team championships here. Sue Wri Wright, aged 19, Cassan-

Sue Wright, aged 19, Cassandra Jackman, aged 17, the reigning European junior champion, and Samantha Langley, aged 22, yesterday defeated three tough professionals from Finland, while Donna Vardy, aged 19, the reigning junior world champion, rested for today's double action of a last road match against Sweden and pool match against Sweden and a late semi-final.

"We were especially im-pressed by Jackman." the Finn-ish coach, Marku Hyrske, said. "Her technique and tactics were almost faultless." Nina Taimaho, the world No. 20. came within two points of winning the second game. "Which might have revealed other aspects of Jackman under pressure." Otherwise, it was a dominant teroord. dominant second string

Even the experienced Tuula Myllyniemi, another top-20 player whenever she leaves Helagainst Langley, but was also restricted at the tie-break. Ireland looked safe achieving their second win yesterday.

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nr G Lembessis, 9-1, 9-0, 9-2, 3 McKay bt nr G Lembessis, 9-1, 9-0, 9-2, 3 McKay bt nr Kousemenos, 6-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; K Flynn Wo O Affe, sor, Belgium 5, Andorna C, Norway 5, Lucembourg 0; France 5, Cyprus 0.

Women: Group A: England 3, Finland 0 (S Wright bi T Mythynusmi, 9-8, 10-9, 9-2; C Leckman bt N Teinshho, 9-2, 10-9, 9-7; S Langlay bt M Sinervo, 9-2, 9-2, 10-9, reland 2, Germany 1 (Fi Best bi B Mueller, 9-3, 10-9, 9-2; B Conway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 2, Norway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 2, Norway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 2, Norway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 2, Norway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 2, Norway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 2, Norway bt K Peters, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7, Sweden 5, Stavenson bt G Tituley 9-2, 9-6, 9-3, 9-6; 9-3, 9-6, 9-3, 9-5, 9-3, 9

ond game tie-break. Minna

Sinervo attempted to break through in the third game

From a Special Correspondent, Hong Kong

It was a refreshing response by

the first time in 10 years. Opie responded with a fine perfor-mance to beat Roybyn Lam-bourne, the world No. 4, 10-9,

She saved six game balls in

next faces an old adversary, Susan Devoy, the world No. I from New Zealand, in the semi-Le Moignan was equally impressive with a 9-4, 9-2, 9-5 victory over Sarah Fitzgerald in 25 minutes and now faces Liz

Irving, who scored a surprise 4-9, 9-7, 9-4, 9-2 success over Danielle Drady, the world No. 3

RESULTS: Quarter-finat: L Opie (Eng) bt R. Lambourne (Aus), 10-9, 9-3, 9-3; M La Moignan (Eng) bt S Fizzgerald (Aus), 9-4, 9-2, 9-5; S Devoy (NZ) bt M Martin (Aus), 9-3, 9-1, 8-10, 9-4; L Irving (Aus) bt D Drady (Aus), 4-9, 9-7, 9-4, 9-2.

Britain hoping to have two in the top twenty

From Peter Aykroyd, Athens

THE women's European cham- potent challenge to their traditional Soviet rivals through Cristina Bontas, No. 4 in the pionships take place here today and tomorrow with Sarah Mer-cer, the talented British cham-Like the graceful Boginskaya, pion, set to improve on her Bontas is a scintillating per-former in the floor exercises and their clash could be a highlight of the championships commendable seventeenth pos-tion last year and so establish the best British result in Europe. She will be supported by Louise Redding, also a possible for the top 20, and Laura Mainwaring. All three performed in the British team

which moved from seventeenth place to fifteenth at the world championships last year. Svetlana Boginskaya, of the Soviet Union, the reigning champion, is expected to make a successful defence of her title. Boginskaya, who is also world champion, will not have to face her old rival, Daniela Silivas, the leading Romanian gymnast, who has an injured back and is

rumoured to have retired.

The Romanians have been

rather lacklustre in training, no doubt because of the political upheaval, but nevertheless ships in Stuttgart, is another should still be able to mount a who could do well.

Great things are also expected from Tatiana Groshkova, Boginskaya's promising young colleague who has impres experts here with her mature approach in practice.

Those with an outside chance

include the powerful Eva Rueda, of Spain, who was seventh overall last year, and the diminutive Henrietta Onodi, of Hungary, who came fifth, Onodi is the European champion on the asymmetric bars but Rueda has shown

reater consistency recently. Karine Mermet, of France, one of the West Europeans to reach the individual overall

REAL TENNIS

Male's pair favoured

THE British amateur cham-pion, James Male, and Mike Happell, the leading Australian amateur, are the favourites for McMurrugh, who are in their amateur, are the favourites for the George Wimpey British amateur doubles championship. which starts today at Hattield (Sally Jones writes).

The stylish Alan Lovell, a former amateur champion, and

Mick Dean, the Radley rackets

half of the draw.

The powerful forcing ar volleying of McMurrugh and the mobility and severe floor game of Snow, will make them a formidable partnership in this competition



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WEMBLEY UPDATE FOR EVENT DETAILS

was on the rocks the moment eventually moved up from David Evans, who was chair- coach, found it difficult to Lee is confirmed as the manager of Watford

COLIN Lee, who took over as youth-team coach of Watford at the start of the season, was confirmed as manager yesterday in time for today's final League game of the season against Hull City at Vicarage Road.

Lee, who took over as manager since the war, the 21st in their history. He said: "It is no use pretending that Watford is a sleeping giant. There is a lot of work to be done to get us back on the rails to success."

Watford, in the lower half of the second division, planned an Lee, a player with Bristol City.
Torquay United, Tottenham

Hotspur, for whom he scored four goals on his debut against Bristol Rovers in 1977, Chelsea and Brentford, succeeded Steve larrison on a temporary basis when he was dismissed in farch.

Lee is Watford's seventeenth Harrison on a temporary basis when he was dismissed in

West Country.

to test skill, rather than speed.

The event will be run under a

Abbey honour

SPORT IN BRIEF **Route for**

new rally States, in February has been rejected as a world record because the race had an improp-THE first RAC international historic motor tally of Great Britain will start from Bath and erly staggered start, according to finish in Torbay from March 7 to 10 next year. The 1,000-mile route will include 17 special tests over some of the most scenic roads in Wales and the

Critical defeat The route has been designed

RALEIGH, North Carolina (Reuter) - Edwin Moses, the 400 metre hurdles world record holder, and three other officials, dual permit, with three categories. have resigned from The Athletics Congress's much criticized board which oversees drugs testing in the United States programme, according to agency sources.

Abbey Grammar School, in Newry, formerly attended by Ronan Rafferty, will represent Northern Ireland in the Golf Hardy return

Foundation's world team championship for schools at St Andrews on May 14 to 15. Billy Hardy, the British bantam-weight boxing champion, will return to the ring on May 22 on the undercard of Dave Garside's Best in Europe Birmingham has been voted the by the International Assembly of National Organizations of Sport, which met in Athens. IBF international cruiserweight contest against Siza Makha-thini, of South Africa, at Middlesbrough.

Record falls The indoor 400 metres world

Scotland's losing record of 45.05sec claimed by Danny Everett, of the United arrivederci

By Roddy Mackenzie THE Scotland Under-15 team was outclassed 4-1 by its Italian

of its short tour in Isco, North Italy, yesterday.

The Scots were three goals down inside the first half hour and a much-improved second half display only kept the score down. The first Italian goal came in the third minute when Altomonte chipped the ball over

the advancing Inglis.

World Cup player Marco Tardelli, moved further ahead in the 25th minute when Sala, of Sampdoria, headed in from 18 vards. Three minutes later Stuart McCallion, of Kilmarnock, put the ball through his own net. Scotland, struggling in the 80 temperature, mounted something of a comeback in the second half. But the Italians wrapped things up in 61 min-utes when Pitossi followed in his own rebound to score.

The hosts, coached by former



Stripped for action: Ryan must build a new Luton

given enough patience and support by those around you." TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Man Utd v Chariton United will field their probable FA Cup final team. Robson, Hughes, Ince and Martin return, with Anderson likely to make way. Coventry v Liverpool Edwards and Regis (both hamstring) face late fitness tests for Coventry, for whom McGrath could return after injury and Titterion may start a match for the first time. Lierpool are without Reported with the late and the restriction of the first time. Sheff Wed v Nottm F Wednesday are unchanged. Forest replace Chettle (leg) with Wassall, and Crossley with Sutton in goal. Woan is a likely

stress fracture of the leg. C Palace v Man City O'Reilly returns from suspension to replace Hedman in defence for Palace. Gray, Pardew and McGoldrick could all return, with Shaw and Thomas likely to be omitted. Wright bruised the same leg he has broken twice this year in a mloweek reserve match but should be fit. With Hendry recovered from an ankle injury, City are

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Bond is expected to return to the Bournemouth defence following injury. Davison (ankle) is Leeds's only doubt. Leicester v Sheff Utd

Bournemouth v Leeds

Second division

Mauchien (foot) and Walsh (foe) are doubtful for Leicester but Paris is fit to start. Stanclifle (calf) faces a late fitness test for United.

manager, after their disagreement last week.

Sunderland v Oldham Bennett (groin) faces a late fitness test for Sunderland:

Heathcote stands by Milligan (shoulder) is absent for Oldham for whom Bunn and Henry (both knee) face fitness tests. McGarvey knee) face fitness tests. and Williams could start.

FOR THE RECORD CYCLING

Blackburn v Brighton

Moran (hamstring) and Atkins (thigh) face late fitness tests for

Rovers for whom Stapleton returns to the attack following

M'brough v Newcastle

Middlesbrough choose from 14.
Dillon is re-instated into the
Newcastle midfield following a
reconciliation with Jim Smith, the
manager, after their

recovery from a back injury

TOUR DE TRUMP: Prologue (4.8-kilomatre trite trial): 1. R. Alcain felical, Gren 25.883eec; 2.5 Spealis (155, 5.32.794; 3.5 Bauer (Can., 5.32.595; 4.5 Yates (169), 8.33.155; 5. Prisson (Fi), 6.34-103.
TOUR OF AUDE (women's race): Prologue (2.300-matre term trial): 1. P. Rossner (WS), 3ms (7.27.99c; 2. V. Paulitz (WG), 3.57.97; 3. K.-A Way (Can) 3.06.01. FOOTBALL BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Old-IRCLAYS LEAKINE SECURIO INVESTIGATION WANDERS 1, Wolvenhampton Wanderson 1, ind children Reading 1, Notic County 1, at VALIDHALL COMPRENCE Reter Attack 4, Berrow 0, Wycombo Wanderson 2, offord Rengard 1, Argentina 1 (In

Winnel, LEAGUE: First division: Wolding Valloyal1, LEAGUE: First division: Wolding 2, Worthing 1. Second division sostic. Earnsteed 1, Ephem D. Bracknell 1, Hungaritord 1; Nevbury 1, Martion Valle 1. HTS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bengor City 1, Morecardine 1; Cohe Dynamos 2, Bishop Auckland 2, Pesedidents City: Finel, second leg: Witton 1, Fleetwood 1 (pp. 23)

(NOCT 1-2). CHEAT MILLS LEAGUE: Pressier division: Liskeerd 1, Extrough 1. LIVERPOOL SENGOR CUP: Final: Merine 1, South Liverpool Q. TOUR MATCH: Pedus (II) 1, Uruguny 4.

BEAU DESERT: Staffordahre woman's championathe: Seal-finels: R Boles (Beau Deser) by J Peacock (Leek), 1 hole: R Metrogon (Pruss Heart) by J Macriant (Whitington Betracks), 3 and 2. Finel: Boles

ICE HOCKEY

Roseate Tern on course for Epsom

By Michael Seely Racing Correspondent

QUICKENING impressively for Lanfranco Dettori, Roseate Tern put herself on target for the Coronation Cup at Epsom when comfortably accounting for He De Nisky in the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket

Brush Aside, the 5-2 on favourite, was a bitter disappointment for Sheikh Mohammed and Henry Cecil, weakening when headed over three furlongs from home to finish fifth beaten over 17

When Steve Cauthen let her down, she found nothing on the ground. Until we get the right going, we haven't even got a horse," Cecil said. Roseate Tern won by two lengths from He De Nisky with Artic Envoy finishing a further 11/2 lengths away third.

When owned by her breeder, the Queen's racing manager, Lord Carnarvon, and trained by Dick Hern last season, Roseate Tern finished third in the Epsom Oaks and also runner-up at Royal Ascot. She then won the Lancashire and Yorkshire Oaks

before finishing third in the St Leger. She was bought by Peter Brant, the New Yorkbased publisher for \$1.1 million at the Newmarket December sales to be trained by Luca Cumani. A half-share has just been

sold to Bob Levy, the president and part-owner of Atlantic City Racecourse, who also owned Bet Twice, the 1987 Belmont Stakes winner.

Roseate Tern wore blinkers in all her races last season, but not yesterday. "They must have fitted them last year because she got so far behind in her races. But she has grown up and matured and, as you saw, was able to lay up all right today. She will now go straight for the Coronation Cup."

Cumani also has Pirate Army and Legal Case to represent him in the important middle distance tests that lie ahead. "We won't be able to train Pirate Army until

running when third in the Free

Handicap, has bright prospects of at least making the frame in a sub-standard Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp tomorrow. He is joined by Paul

The five home-trained run-

ners all contested the Prix de

ran out a two-length winner from Septième Ciel with tomor-

row's chief market rival, Jade Robbery, third.

favourite at Newmarket.

a fine chance of an English-French Guineas double. How-ever, the André Fabre camp

expect Jade Robbery to improve

considerably for his seasonal debut, and last year's impressive

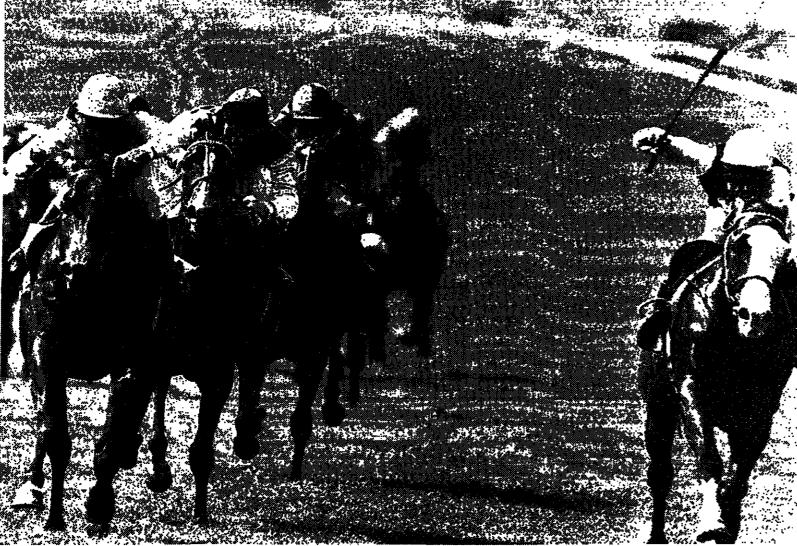
Grand Criterium winner is the

Going: good to firm

£107,181: 1m) (7 runners)

pany throughout his career and would have finished closer to tomorrow.

With Machiavellian a strong



El Paso (Lanfranco Dettori, right) beats Laxey Bay (Steve Cauthen, far left) in the Eastern Electricity Handicap at Newmarket yesterday

trainer. "And as far as Legal Case is concerned, there is no hurry as he won't run before Ascot in July."

Cumani and Dettori had earlier initiated a 56-1 double when El Paso came late on the scene to beat Laxey Bay by a short head in the Eastern Electricity Handicap. This win under 9st 7lb certainly paid a handsome tribute to Elmaamul and Raj Waki, as the three-year-old had finished a well-beaten fifth be-

Apart from Roseate Tern.

enjoyed a trouble-free passage.

With Steve Cauthen in Italy, Pat Eddery will ride Book The

Band and it would be no surprise to see the combination

Zoman, a son of Affirmed, took a Chepstow maiden last

year and has yet to appear this

for Paul Keileway in the group two Prix Hocquart but, on the

evidence of his fourth to Shout And Sing in the listed Warren

Stakes at Epsom 11 days ago, the

Caro colt can have no more than

• Steve Cauthen rides Satin

Wood for Henry Cecil in the

group three Premio Emanuele Filiberto over 14 miles at San

Siro, Milan, tomorrow. Willie Carson partners the locally-trained Sir Commanche.

Michael Roberts rides the

group two Arag Preis (German 1,000 Guineas) at Dusseldorf

Draw: no advantage

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bustle up the principals.

BOOK The Band, unlucky in Anshan at Newmarket if he had

Book The Band has run French-trained Surikhana in the

LONGCHAMP LINE UP

3.0 DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group I: 3-Y-O coits:

4-5 Linsmitt and Reinstate (coupled), 2-1 Jade Robbery, 5-1 Funambule, 8-1 Book The Band, 10-1 Honor Rejane, 12-1 Zoman.

HOUNDS

HORSES

the other most impressive sight of the afternoon was that of Pat Eddery riding Theatrical Charmer to a cheeky threequarters of a length victory over Rudy's Fantasy in the three-runner Newmarket

The 5-2 on favourite would have won far more easily if the iockey had not dropped his hands in the last furlong. Alex Scott trains the winner, who had earlier won at Kempton on his only other racecourse appearance for Maktoum Al-

unbeaten

THE Laz Barrera-trained Mister Frisky, unbeaten in 16 outings, can retain that unblemished record in the £367,081 Ken-

tucky Derby at Churchill Downs

Summer Squall, the current favourite, has himself been beaten only once, but is unfavourably drawn near the outside of the 16-strong field.

D Wayne Lukas saddles three

runners, Land Rush, Real Cash

and Power Lunch, and is nar-

ticularly hopeful about the pros-pects of Land Rush.

Going: fast 10.32 (BST) KENTUCKY DERBY (Grade I: 3-Y-O: £367,061: 1m 2i diri) (16 runners,

3-Y-C: 2357,081: Im 2! dirt; (16 runners, all carry 3st)
Pendleton Ridge (ridden by L. Pincay Jr);
Burnt Hills (P. Vatentzuele); Real Cash (A. Solis); Land Resh (A. Cordero Jr); Power-Lusch (R. Romero Jr); Killer Diller (J. Bruin);
Video Ranger (R. Hansen); Mistair Frisky (G. Stevens); Fighting Fantasy (S. Sellers); beholded (C. Perret); Piessent Tap (K. Desormesun); Silver Ending (C. Micceron); Tahty Six Red (M. Smith); Sassaner Squali (P. Day); Dr. Bobby (N. Santagata); Country Day (J. Santos).
8-4 Summer Squali, 2-1 Mistair Frisky, 8-1 Unbrided, 10-1 Land Rush, Real Cash and Power Lunch (all three combined).

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Racing next week

MONDAY: Kempton Perk, Haydock Park (mixed), Doncaster, Warwick, Newcastle, Ludlow, Devon, South-well, Towcester, Fontwell Perk.

TUESDAY: Chester, Salisbury, †Folkestone, Chepstow. WEDNESDAY: Chester, †Sandown Park, Salisbury, †Wetherby, †Wor-

"He wasn't entered in the Derby because he hadn't shown us much at home," said the trainer. "Both the French and Irish Derbys are possibil-ities. If we decide to send him to Chantilly, the Glasgow Stakes at York would be the only possible intermediate race." Scott and Eddery completed a double when Mayaasa won the Wilbraham Fillies'

Latest betting on the 2,000 Guineas is that Machiavellian is now top-quoted at 6-4 to give François Boutin his third Guineas win. Other betting developments were that Anshan has shortened from 9-1 to 15-2 with William Hill, who also reported support for Raj Waki from 25-1 to 20-1 including a bet of £1,000 each

Tirol, down to 7-1 after his Newmarket win, has now eased to 11-1, because of the firm going. But although greatly respecting the chances of Machiavellian, I am napping Tirol to win from the favourite and Sure Sharp. The

winner of the Craven has gone

times in the past five years. Tirol would have won the trial by two lengths with a clear

Four for Pipe MARTIN Pipe and Jonothan Lower landed a 6-1 four-timer in the first four races at Newton Abbot yesterday. Pipe narrowly missed a fifth winner when

• Peter Scudamore hopes to return from injury at Hereford today on Sparkling Cinders (5.0) for Nigel Twiston-Davies.

Jade Robbery can Barrera colt foil English raiders to remain for Times qualifier

orthodox of riders but he is effective as racegoers saw, again, at Cheltenham on Wednesday when he won with True Bloom. This afternoon, at the Fernie point-to-point, he has entered Saybright in *The Times* Champ-

three races this season and, although beaten last time out at the Pytchley, his main opponent today, Wedding Song, was 10 lengths behind him in third lengths behind him in third place. Asphaltilly and Chevalogan should go well but Saybright gets a confident vote. Caledonian Lad beat Sicilian Melody by a head in the maiden race at the Fife last Saturday and these two could meet again in The Times event at the Lander-dole

on Tuesday week, He is an entry at this meeting and also in the same sponsor's other event to-day, at the Pendle Forest & Craven. His task there would not be so easy with Dover, Oakley House and The Silent Master in the possible line-up. For the Cotswold Vale evening meeting. Great Granny Smith and Bright Tiger are entries for the PPOA race. Bright Tiger has not been seen rely on Great Granny Smith to follow up last week's Kingston Blount success. The West Norfelk have combined their open races into one for both sexes and attracted a

high quality entry. These in-clude Perroquet, the best horse currently running in point-toperformers, Stanwick Lad and

Dicky Blob is again an entry for the four-mile ladies' open at the Dartmoor & Modbury Har-riers, a race which he won last year. In the twilight of his career. this distance is still his best and he could still be good enough. George Cooper has already made two successful sorties to the south-east with Carl's Choice and could complete a treble on him at the Old Surrey

The Albrighton, with 169 entries just tops, by one, the Devon & Somerset. At the north-western meeting, the best bet of the day may be Taty Bogle Boy in the maiden. Down in Devon, Gerry Doyle could gain his eighth win of the season and go one ahead of Timber Tool for *The Daily Telegraph* Trophy.

TODAY'S MEETRIGS: Albrighton, Weston Park, 6m E of Telford (first race 2.0); Cotswold Valle, Andord (first race 2.0); Cotswold Valle, Andoversiond, 6m E of Chellariham (5.30); Dartmoor & Modbury (2.30); Devon & Somerast, Holinicote, 3m W of Microse (2.0); Fernile, Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough (2.15); Luaderdale, Mosshouses, 4m N of Metrose (2.0); Old Surrey & Burstow, 4m SW of Trothridge (2.0); Pendile Forest & Carven, Gisburn, 1m SW of town (2.0); West Norfelk, Felsanham, 2m SW of town (2.0); Yestad, Llantwit Mejor, 2m NW of town (2.30). TODAY'S MEETINGS: Albrighton.

caster. THURSDAY: Chester, Carlisie, Hituringdon, †Uttoxeter. FRIDAY: Lingfield Park, Beverley, Carlisie, †Stratford, †Taunton. SATURDAY: Lingfield Park, Bath, Baverley, Bangor. †Newcastie, †Market Rasen, †Warwick.

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GEORGE Tarry is not the most ionship qualifier. Saybright has already won

Although Wheelies Newmember finished in front of Wheelies & Burstow. Caledonian Lad in a previous race at the Percy, the five-year-old is improving with each run and could turn the tables.

Ready Steady has a last chance today to qualify for the Land Rover final at Towcester since winning at Garnons, six weeks ago, so it may be safer to

Flat meetings in bold. † Denotes night Results from yesterday's three meetings

Going: good to firm

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5-2); 2. Gold Fatares (A Marro, 15-8 tav);
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A.60 (5) 1. MAYARAS (Par Eddery, 100-30; Newmarket correspondent's nap) 2. May Black (R. Cochrane, 11-1; 3. Chipane (N. Day, 25-1). ALSO RAKE 7-4 jr. fav Grown Angel (5th), Domario (4th), 5. a. M.2, 2. M.1 Ol. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: E2.80; E1.50, 52.10. DF: E2.80, CSF-74 (chipane), result stood.

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(Mr K. Johnson, 4-5 fav; 2. Lu Parson's Cross
(Mr K. Johnson, 11, 101. W. A. Staphenson.
Tote: E1.80, DF: E2.70, CSF- 24.41.
7.45 (2m 4 ch) 1. Gaptain Mor (Mr K. Johnson, 4-9 fav; 2. In The Breeze (10-1);
A.70 (2m 20) (2m

Hamilton Park

ndy, Ruby Jayne. 11 ran. NR: Tuppat. Nr.
134, sh nd, hd. X. J. Etherington at
Mathon. Tote: £3.30; £7.40, £1.30; £3.70.
DF: £23.90, CSF: £7.82 Imin 00.058-96.
2.35 (1m) 1, EL PASO (L Destori, 5-1); 2,
Laxby Bay (S Cauthen, 5-2 fav); 3, Easy
Prop (W Hood, 5-1), ALSO RANE 5 Castle
Courageous (6h), 8 Solo Court (5h), 12
Glazarine, 20 Lift And Load (4h), Regal
Theach, 25 Fair Titgrie, 9 ran. sh hd, 31, 44,
5, 44. L. Curnani at Newcomarket. Tote:
£5.50; £1.80. £1.10. £2.30. DF: £4.50.
CSF: £18.14. Tricast: £55.08. Imin
39.08-sec.
3.05 (1m 2) 1, THEATTRICAL (CHARSHER)
(2-5 tay); 2, Dorset Duke (6 Carter, 5-1); 3,
Rudy's Fantasy (L Destori, 5-1); 3 ran. %1,
34. A Scott at Newmoratvet. Tote: £1.10. DF.
£1.60. CSF: £23.1. zmin 08.67-sec.
3.40 (1m 4) 1. ROSEATE TERN (L
Destori, 17-2); 2, the de Nesty (G Carter,
12-1); 3, Antic Envoy (C Asmussan, 50-1),
ALSO RAN: 2-5 fav Brush Actic (5th), 7
Assatis (4th), 20 Sessame, 200 Beau Ideal
(6th), 7 an. 21 154, 41, 105, 51, Curnani at
Newmoratot. Tote: £3.30; £2.70, £2.80, DF:
£3.33.0. CSF: £79.94. zmin 30.10sec.
4.10 (6h), 1. TARANS GIRL (A Neuro, 7-1);
2. Sadis (F Hills, 12-1); 3, Cartlemidi (Pasi
Ecicly), 18-1), ALSO RANE 4 fav Night, 43
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2. Jone Beau Ideal
(7th), 10 Sessame,

Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.90 CSF: £4.81.

7.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Captain Mor (Mr K Johnson, 4-9 fav); 2, in The Breeze (10-1); 3, Young Pageant (12-1); 4 ran. 10, 13-1, Wistosed (W Carson, 2-5 fav); 3, Neiszen Blattaya (W Hood, 20-1); ALSO PAN-4 September (4-1); 4 ran. 2, 4, 8, H Thomson Jones of Newmarkst. Tote: £1.80, DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.88.

8.16 (2m 4f holis) 1, Feet Freeze (A Whithern, 7-2; £, Jazz (5-4 fav); 3, Hythe (7-1); 5 ran. 11, 10, 17, 20, 10, 21, 30, 21, 40, 21, 10, DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.80. Placepot: £507.19

Placepot: £198.80, Newton Abbot

Going: firm 2.15 (2m hd/s) 1, Kaishan (J Lower, 8-13 fav); 2, Park Street (13-8); 3, Sirke A Chord (16-1), 6 ran, NR: Auction Girl, 30t, 30t, M Pipe. Tote: 21.50; £1.10, £1.30, DP: £1.20, CSF: £1.88, 2.4E(2m-5fch); Walnes 21.20. USP: £1.88. 2.45 (2m.5f ch) 1, Walnut Way (Jl Lower, 6-4 feet; 2, Point Made (28-1): 3, King Of The Lot (7-4), 5 ran, 121, 41 M Pipe, Totac 52.20; £1.30, £3.90. DP: £5.10. CSP: £21.45. 221.45.
3.15 (2m hdie) 1. Strew Blade (J Lover, 40-85 tay); 2, Fly The Wind (17-2); 3, Special Reserve (20-1). 5 ren. 121, 31 M Figs. Totas: 21.50; 51.10, 51.70, 52.90. OF: 26.90. CSF: 25.16. 26.60. CSF: 25.18.

3.45 (2m 150yd hdis) 1, Debic (J Lower, 1-4 fav; 2, Leading Memory (3-1), 2 ran. 8t. M Pipe. Tota: 21.20.

4.15 (2m 21 10yd hdis) 1, Kingawood Kitchens (Mr P Clarke, 14-1); 2, Pariszvoustrancias (11-10 fav); 3, Dominion Tressure (4-1), 10 ran. Hd, 25t, R Frost. Tota: 28.80; 21.50, 21.10, 21.30. DF: 27.10. CSF: 255.85.

4.46 (3m 21 100yd ch) 1, Beers Greet (Mrs C Wonnscott, 7-1); 2, Roving Seal (12-1); 3, Progressive (25-1). Colcombe Castle Evens tav. 8 ran. NR: Ballynedy, Gretta's Legacy, Mantinolas, NK, 25l. S Horn, Tota: 28.40; 21.40, 22.00, £4.80. DF: 254.20. CSF: 272.35. Thursday's late results Newton Abbot

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Salsabil is likely to miss Oaks

SALSABIL, Thursday's 1,000 Guineas winner, is likely to be kept to a mile for the time being and will therefore miss both the Epsom Oaks and the French equivalent, the Prix de Diane (Michael Seely writes).
"She is so fast that I don't see

any point in running her over any further for the time being." said John Dunlop, the trainer of Hamdan Al-Maktoum's filly, yesterday.
"I'd like to send her for the Irish 1,000 and after that the

Coronation Stakes at Ascot would be a natural progression. After that there is the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood and then if we wanted to try her over 10 furlongs in the autumn, there is the Champion Stakes."

 Stephen Swiers, the Yorkshire amateur rider, pays a flying visit this weekend to Angers, the provincial Brittany track which is twinned with Goodwood. Swiers, who will be having his first mount in France, is due to partner a locally-trained flat horse in tomorrow's Richmond-Brissac Trophy.

day, Tirol, who is known to be happier on easy ground, started to drift in the market. However, the mystique of the rising star still surrounds Tirol. Discussing the gallop, Jimmy Gallagher, Rock City's work rider, said: "Rock City was impressive, he worked very well. He's fast but he's still got to prove that he gets the trip. Tirol,

though, he's a stayer and has already done it." Talking about Tirol and the ground, Hannon said: "I hear they're pouring plenty of water on the track. As long as it's good to firm and there's a little bit of bounce in it. he'll be all right."

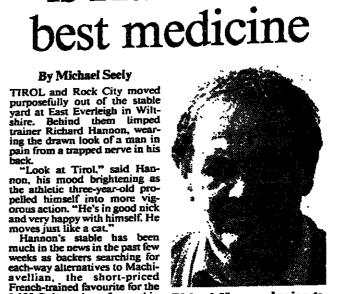
The trainer is convinced that Tirol is a better horse than Mon Fils and Don't Forget Me. "You just wouldn't know how good he is. They say that Sure Sharp will beat him this time, but I reckon Barry's horse has to improve 9lb. We gave him 3lb and would have won by a couple of lengths with a clear run."

Hannon's success pays tribute enough to the facilities at East Everleigh, but the trainer is still interested in a possible move to Manton to join Barry Hills's proposed consortium.

"The army owns most of our proposed to the still the sti

gallops," he said. "The trouble is that we have to be off the area where the all-weather is by 9am and that means a 5.30 start. Of course I'd be interested in a move to Manton, but it's all a question of finding the necessary finance.

Hannon's is a remarkable story. In these days when million dollar yearlings are comcheapness of Hannon's stars is extraordinary. Don't Forget Me was a 19,000 guineas purchase; Rock City cost Tony Budge 55,000 guineas; Hannon paid 52,000 guineas for Tirol on behalf of John Horgan; and Osario, the winner of the valu-Like James Delahooke, ano-ther renowned judge, Hannon is improve so much."



Third Guineas

is Hannon's

By Michael Seely

2,000 Guineas, have fastened in turn on Tirol and Rock City.
The trainer has already won
the Guineas with Mon Fils and
Don't Forget Me, and now Tirol

and Rock City have advertised their claims by winning the Craven Stakes at Newmarket and Newbury's Greenham

Stakes respectively.

Tirol's stong finish to beat
Sure Sharp by a short head at
Newmarket sparked heavy market support for the late-maturing colt, who is considered to be

the more progressive of the pair. Rock City showed that he had

retained much of his excellent

two-year-old form when winning at Newbury.

But after Rock City had

looked the sharper in a gallop on Newbury racecourse last Mon-

Richard Hannon: hoping to repel French challenge

looking more for the potential athlete than at the pedigree. "Once you start going by the catalogue, you're in trouble," he said. "I like to look at how a horse moves and how he holds himself. Whether he's got sound limbs. It's all about having an

eye for the job."

The trainer often only starts his selection when the horses are parading just prior to entering the sale ring. This method certainly presents a striking contrast to the weeks of study of catalogues and pre-sale inspections at the international sales by the high-powered purchasing teams of the Arab owners and

other rich men. Talking about potential mid-dle distance horses, the trainer said: "The mile and a half horses are a different ball game. You're competing with the owner breeders and the really big money. But I think even if I had

the backing I still wouldn't change my methods."

Regal Sabre, a two-year-old by Sharpen Up out of Royal Heroine, cost Tony Budge 250,000 geneas as a yearling and is the most expensive horse to enter the yard. "There goes that expensive horse," said the trainer whenever Regal Sabre turned him back into cash, we could just about retire."

Although Hannon is currently in fourth place in the trainers' table with prize-money of nearly £100,000, his strike-rate is markedly inferior to that of his more fashionable colleagues. "Some of those Newmarket trainers are prima donnas on ego trips," he said, "They've got all those expensive two-year-olds and some of them never

There is more than an element of truth in this, and in the trainer's realistic comments about handicapping. "If you don't run your horses, they never get dropped in the weights. At the end of the day. the handicappers can make or break you."

The exercise over, the horses return to the paddock to relax and nibble at the spring grass in the glorious sunshine. Steve Knight, Hannon's head lad. rides Tirol in all his work and was standing at the horse's head. Grand National on Maori Venture have the last word. "I rode both Mon Fils and Don't Forget Me," he said. "This is a better horse, he's got much more speed. He did well to win the Horris Hill as a two-year-old as able Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar last autumn, was another bargain at 32,000 guineas.

Like James Delahooke, another bargain at 32,000 guineas.

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The Richard Hannon fact-file

BORN: May 30, 1945. FIRST TRAINER'S LICENCE: 1970.

BEST HORSES TRAINED: Don't Forget Me, Mon Fils, Thieving Demon, Crespinali, Enstone Spark (as two-year-old) and Son Fils. Stakes, Princess Elizabeth Stakes, (twice), Irish 2,000 Guineas, Nassau Stakes, Princess Elizabeth Stakes, Queen Mary Stakes, Coventry Stakes, Lowther Stakes and Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes.

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Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Tinkins Wood. 2.50 Poppy Charm. 3.25 Inishpour. 3.55 Peace King. 4.25 Pinnacle Point. 4.55 Tinkerbird. 5.25 Euchan Glen. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Tinkins Wood. 2.50 Poppy Charm. 4.25 Odilex. 4.55 Tinkerbird. 5.25 Gabbiadini. Draw: 51-6f, high numbers best

2.15 MARKET PLACE MAIDEN MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,507: 5f) (11 runners)

5-2 Tinkins Wood, 7-2 Minizen Dancer, 5-1 Kit, 6-1 imbrei, 7-1 No Questions, 8-1 Wold Guest, 10-1 others. 2.50 MAY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427; 1m

f) (11) 1 90-3 POPPY CHARSI 7 (F) M Tompkins 9-1 Date Gibeon (S) 12 M Telebrat 10 3-1 The Heely, 7-2 Poppy Chenn, 9-2 Mississippi Best, 6-1 Highland Sidder, 7-1 Ughtning Thunder, 10-1 others.

3.25 THIRSK HUNT CUP (Handicap: £7,960: 1m) (15)
21 0422 DOUBLE ENCORE 12 (D,F) C Nation 4-10-0

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9-2 Vegue Dancer, 6-1 Densing Monarch, 13-2 Couble Encore, 8-1 Inishpour, Elzasem, 10-1 Athena Gate, 12-1 others. 3.55 BATCHELORS CUP A SOUP SPECIAL STAKES (Amateurs: £2,637: 1m 4f) (13)

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1 00/5- CONNAGE 45J (CD,F) R Johnson Houghton 7-11-8
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6 50/ MARINERS LAW 47J Miss G Roes 7-11-3

7 05-0 SANDKE 8.J Parker 4-11-3 M Robinson (3) 11

9 -200 THE LIGHTER SIDE 7 B Proces 4-11-3 9 -200 THE LIGHTER SIDE 7 B Preco 4-11-3

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Ametia Johnstone (3) 5 7-4 Peace King, 3-1 Persuestve, 5-1 The Lighter Side, 7-1 Mighty Glow, 10-1 Sweet N° Twenty, 12-1 others. 4.25 CORAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (3-Y-O:

£2,385: 6f) (7) 1 0-51 PRINACLE POINT 6 (D.F.G.) J Pearce 9-7 W Herman 2 2 40-5 CORLEX 10 M Janés 9-5 D D Biggs (5) 1 3 60-0 TOSS OF THE COIN 10 (D.F.) D Chapman 9-2 Certiste 2

4.55 MILLGATE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,299:

5.25 COXWOLD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,184: 7f) (13) 1 -661 EUCHAN GLEN 8 (D.F.G) J S Wilson 9-13 1 -661 EUCHAR GLEN 8 (D.F.G.) J S WRISON B-13
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3 05-4 SPANISH VERDICT 22 Miss 5 Hall 9-0 ... W Hood 11
5 2-95 GABBADNE 11 (CD.F) M Tompdris 8-12. T Welfante 5
6 03-5 SNOY TO KRL 14 (86) Jumpy Regental 8-9 K Palice 2
7 1-00 PANALI 3 (V) J Herberton 8-4
6 -00 GRANITTON BAY 16 (V,F) R Whiteler 8-4 A Callean 12
9 0-45 DARUSSALAM 12 Donys Snith 7-12 ... L Channech 1
10 00-8 SANDMOOR JACCULARD 10 (Q) M H Easterby 7-12
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Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Herwood, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; J Dunlog, 4 from 11. 36.4%; M H Easterby, 34 from 214, 15.9%; R Johnson Houghton, 3 from 20, 15.0%; P Whitsker, 16 from 114, 14.0%; C Tinider, 7 from 51, 13.7%. JOCKEYS: W Newnes, 3 winners from 19 rides, 15.8%; Dean McKeown, 15 from 102, 14.7%; M Birch, 32 from 224, 14.3%; S Perks, 12 from 96, 12.5%; A Cultiane, 9 from 74, 12.2%; K Fallon, 4 from 38, 11.7%.

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By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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A COLT who is considered by his trainer to be better than Zino, his winner of the 2.000 Guineas in 1982, every bit as good as Nonoalco, his winner of the same classic eight years earlier, and the best that he has bad in his yard since Nureyey, can capture the General Accident-sponsored classic at Newmarket this afternoon. Machiavellian is that colt and he is my nap.

Yesterday, François Boutin, his enormously experienced Chantilly-based handler, reiterated that view to me after we had watched the colt exercising quietly on the Links before he breezed along over 614 furlongs on a wood-chip surp which runs parallel to the Cambridge road.

Boutin had every reason to be satisfied with Machiavellian's appearance. Although no oil painting, he looked extremely well and

anteed with Swordsmith in the field purely as a pacemaker about Machiavellian coping his praises and saying that he was the best he had sat upon since El Gran Señor.

That is some compliment. If it turns out to be accurate. Now Listen will take a lot of beating but my reservation is that he is an inexperienced horse who has never come off the bit. And, over the years, the 2,000 Guineas has come to be regarded as an experienced horse's race.

With three races behind him last year and one this spring, Machiavellian should know all the tricks of the trade by now. In contrast, Now Listen may be found wanting when the pace is increased coming down Bush Hill.

François Boutin: puts his

colt on par with Nureyev

has only raced over six and

Discussing Machiavellian's

opposition, Boutin says that

seven furlongs so far.

FORM FOCUS ILE DE ROMA weaktance when 4½13rd of 6 to Belme at Newbury (1m
31, good): earlier beat King's Shilling 21 at Ayr (1m).
HARBOUR BAR weakened approaching the finel turlong to firsh 61 Sth of 7 to Now Listen at Nothingham

BETTING: 3-1 Katy's Lad. 7-2 Secret Society. 9-2 Hudson Bay Trader, 5-1 Alsaamer, 7-1 Photo Call. 8-1 Foot Solder, 12-1 Famous Beauty.

FORM FOCUS SECRET SOCIETY Improved Impr

1989: HALKOPOUS 8-12 R Cochrane (6-1) M Tompkins 17 ran

5 (9) 11231-9 Light Of Morn. 5-2 Salawan. 4-1 Champagne Gold, 5-1 Green's Canaletto, 8-1 Just

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1969: BEAU SHER 6-9-7 P Excommeto (7-2) B Hanbury 11 ran

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When 14I behand Mac's Fighter at Doncaster (6), Sandown (1m, good to firm) when making some late progress to be 1115th of 7 to Marcoldstinction. Last season beat Senous Trouble a head in a very valuable and paddy chalk 6 in lested company at Newbeating Paddy Chalk 6 in lested company at Newbeating Paddy Chalk 6 in lested company at New July (6), good to firm).

JUST THREE needs to improve on a 11/1 3rd of 9 to 10 to

2.0 FAIREY GROUP ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,893: 1m 2f

2.30 FAIREY GROUP SPRING TROPHY (Listed Race: £10,575: 7f 40yd)

130yd) (7 runners)

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That was a performance the Greenham. His trainer, is nevertheless guaranteed to which had Pat Eddery singing Peter Walwyn, is adamant get the trip, Elmaamul has Peter Walwyn, is adamant get the trip, Elmaamul has that he is better than that. only a little in hand of Raj Waki on their Kempton run. Both the Free Handicap and the Craven Stakes have been reliable guides in recent years.

much between them again.

Machiavellian.

Lord Of The Field is another who will certainly stay but whether he has Machia-In the Craven, Tirol gave Sure Sharp 3lb and the narrowest of vellian's powers of accelerabeatings so there should not be tion is another matter. I have my doubts. Statoblest, who is many

Anshan, impressive winner of the Free Handicap, seems people's idea of this year's champion sprinter, begins his bound to give a good account of himself on ground that he clearly relishes. Yet the fact quest for the title by contesting the Palace House Stakes. In remains that he was rated 13lb my view, he will be hard to behind Machiavellian in last year's classifications. Accolade, Henry Cecil's

In the same list of ratings, first two-year-old runner of the season, is taken to win the Septième Ciel, the other Gallic challenger, was 9lb inferior to Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Maiden Stakes for his owners, Kennet Valley Thorough-

> Ladbroke Handicap for Cecil. Having won the Fairey Group Spring Trophy a year ago with Beau Sher, Ben Hanbury now looks set to land

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___C4 BIG-RACE LINE-UP

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 2,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £106,491: 1m) (14 runners) 401 (8) 51133-1 ANSHAN 17 (C,D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 (ch c Fersan Bold - Lady Zi) (Maroon, white steeves, maroon cap, white star)
402 (11) 11311- DASHING BLADE 197 (C,F,G) (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 (b c Elegant Air - Sharp Castan) (Purple, light blue chevron, light blue cap)
403 (6) 11-1 ELMAAMUL 21 (CD,F,G) (H Al-Malkroum) W Hern 9-0 (ch C Dress - Moderal (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap) WR \$winburn 96 J Matthias W Carson

1-21 LORD OF THE FIELD 16 (C.G.S.) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0 G Duffield 86 (b c Jalmood - Star Feee) (Straw)

111-1 MACHIAVELLIAN 25 (F.G.S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 FHead
(b c Mr Prospector - Coup De Folie) (Dark blue, light blue cross belts, striped sleeves, white cap) , F Head 🖷 🞾 405 (3) Pat Eddery 11 NOW LISTEN 19 (D,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ... (b c Miswaio - Nowanna) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves) R Cochrane 65 1-2 RAJ WAKI 21 (F) (R Taiano) G Harwood 9-0 (b c Miswale - Script Approval) (Grey, red Inopps, grey steeves, red cap) 31-3 RAMI 14 (C,BF,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Watwyn 9-0 (br c Riverman - Ancient Riegme) (Royal blue, white epaulets, red cap) M Roberts 82 408 (12) B Raymond 96 G Guignard 94

4114-6 WELNEY 14 (B.F.G.) (Sir Philip Oppenhelmer) G Wragg 9-0 (b c Habitat - Dn Show) (Black and white (halved), sleeves reversed, red cap) BETTING: 15-8 Machiavellian, 5-1 Now Listen, 7-1 Anshan, Sure Sharp, 11-1 Tirol, 14-1 Rock City, 20-1 Septieme Ciel, 25-1 Elmaamul, Raj Waki, 33-1 Dashing Blade, Lord Of The Field, 40-1 Rami, 100-1 Welney, 150-1 Swordsmith.

Form guide to the 14 contenders

1989: NASHWAN 9-0 W Carson (3-1 fav) W Hern 14 ran

3211-1 TIROL 16 (CD,G,5) (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 (br c Thatching - Alpine Niece) (White, brown sleeves, brown and white hooped cap)

ANSHAN

Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-7) beat Osano (9-5) 1 ½ (7t, listed h'cap, £25.596, 10 ran).

Oct 29, Newmarket, good: (8-8) ½ with Apr 16, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beat Oirmazi (8-8) ½ with (7t, group in £35.279, 5 ran).

Aug 20, Deauville, good to soft: (8-8) ½ (8-8) 21 (8t, group in £35.279, 5 ran).

Aug 20, Deauville, good to soft: (8-8) 21 (8t, group in £35.279, 5 ran).

Oct 7, Phoenix Park, good to yielding: (9-0) 3'41 3rd to The Caretaker (8-11) (7f, listed, lr£499,450, 20 ran).

DASHING BLADE Oct 20, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Call To Arms (9-0) neck with ANSHAN (9-0) short head 3rd and WELNEY (9-0) 1%1 4th (71, group I, £128,513, 7 ran).

Sep 9, the Curragh, good: (9-0) beat Wedding Bouquet (8-11) %I (7f, group I, £95,750, 10 ran). July 27, Goodwood, firm: (8-11) 1% i 3rd to Be My Chief (9-0) (71, group III, £18,008, 5 ran). ELMAAMUL

Apr 14, Kempton, good: (8-10) beat RAJ WAKI (8-10) 'SI (1m, issted, £10,820, 9 ran). Sep 19, Sandown, good: (9-4) beat Air Music (8-12) 71 (1m, £3,600, 8

July 28, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) best Satin Wood (9-0) 31 (7f, £4,175, 13 ran). LORD OF THE FIELD Apr 19, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beat Duke Of Paducah (9-2) ½! (1m 1f, listed, £12,793, 9 ran).
Apr 6, Kempton, firm: (8-12) ½! 2nd to Mukddaam (9-1) (1m, £3,883, 5

Nov 4, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-0) beat Lord Florey (9-0) a neck (71, £2,931, 29 ran). **MACHIAVELLIAN**

Apr 10, Maisons-Laffitte, good: (8-11) beat Ron's Victory (8-11) 2½1(71, listed, £12,862, 7 ran).

£90.090, 7 ran).

NOW LISTEN Apr 16, Nothingham, good to firm: (9-6) beat Eton Lad 2½ (1m 50yd, £2,950, 7 ran).

Apr 2, Folkestone, firm: (8-13) beat Jebali (8-13) 8i (71, £2,060, 14 ran).

RAJ WAKI Apr 14, Kempton, good: see ELMAAMUL July 28, Goodwood, firm: (9-0) beat Lift And Load (9-0) 8I (71, 25,524, 5

RAMI Apr 21, Newbury, good: see ROCK

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Nov 4, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-0) beat Gomarlow (9-0) 11/4 (7f, 22,910, 28 ran).

Oct 20, Newmarket, good: (9-0) 22/4 3rd to Alidiva (8-10) with SURE SHARP (9-0) 2! 5th (6f, £6,755, 28 ran). **ROCK CITY**

Apr 21, Newbury, good: (9-0) beat Montendre (9-0) 11 with RAMI (9-0) 11 3rd, SWORDSMITH (9-0) ½1 4th and WELNEY (9-0) 21 6th (7f, group III, £21,087, 6 ran). Oct 5, Newmarket, good to firm: (9-0) 2l 2nd to Balla Cove (9-0) (6f, oup I, £79,131, 6 ran).

Sep 10, Longchamp, good to firm: see MACHIAVELLIAN. SEPTIEME CIEL Apr 16, Longchamp, soft: (9-2) 21/1 2nd to Linamix (9-2) (1m, £20,477, 8

S Cauthen 93

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M Kinane 97

SURE SHARP Apr 19, Newmarket, good: see TIROL.

Nov 3, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat Rahaam (8-9) 2½l (6f, £4,793, 29 Oct 20, Newmarket, good: see SWORDSMITH

Apr 21, Newbury, good: see ROCK CITY. Oct 20, Newmarket, good: (9-7) beat Pencarreg (9-0) a neck (7f, h'cap, £13,500, 18 ran). Aug 24, Salisbury, good to firm: (9-3) beat Arabian Silence (8-9) 2½1 (7f, h'cap, £2,383, 8 ran).

TIROL Apr 19, Newmarket, good: (8-12) beat SURE SHARP (8-9) a short head (1m, group III, £22,977, 6 ran). Oct 26, Newbury, soft: (8-12) beat Robellation (8-12) a head (7f 60yd, Robellation (8-12) a head (71 60yd, group III, £27.164, 8 ran).
Sep 15. Doncaster, good: (8-11) beat Cutting Note (8-7) ½) (6f, £2,560, 10 ran).

WELNEY Apr 21, Newbury, good: see ROCK CITY.

Oct 20, Newmarket, good: see DASHING BLADE. Sep 23, Newbury, good to firm: (8-11) beat Somethingdifferent (9-1) 1½ (6f, group II, £41,130, 7 ran). Selection: TIROL

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Selections By Mandarin 2.30 Little Red Flower. 3.0 Hope Cove. 3.30 Fellow's Night. 4.0 Effast. 4.30 Cal Mai. 5.0

Nathan Blake Brian Beel's selection: 4.30 Dashalong.

Going: good to firm (firm patches) 2.30 BONUSPRINT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SEL-LING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (13

3.00 GREENWELL MONTAGU STOCKBROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,415: 3m 1f) (8)

1 1P42 MISTER BUTLER 21 (D.F.G) P Jones 11-11-12

13-6 Peils Close, 3-1 Stardust Roc. 4-1 Misser Butler, 13-2 aconside, 8-1 Dock Brief, 16-1 others. Course specialists

TRANSPS: M Pipe, 37 winners from 123 runners, 30.1%; D Burchell, 8 from 38, 21.1%; G Balding, 4 from 19, 21.1%; T Morton, 5 from 25, 20.0%; K Bailey, 13 from 65, 20.0%; N Henderson, 5 from 27, 18.5%. DOCKEYS: J Lower, 7 winners from 18 rides, 38.9%; R Dumwoody, 25 from 112, 22.3%; R Beggan, 10 from 52, 19.2%; N Haukte, 4 from 21, 19.0%; H Davies, 15 from 79, 19.0%; S Smith Eccles, 5 from 28, 17.9%. 3.30 FRESH ENGLISH ASPARAGUS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,070: 2m 3f) (11)

3 0313 ULLSWATER 7 F Jordan 4-11-7 J Lodder (3) 4 POP1 FELLOW'S NIGHT 18 (COLF) K Bailey 7-11-6 ILINWISHOO (3) 5 03F0 DWALE 18 (V) R Eckley 5-10-11 D Gal 5 F030 REGULAR VULGAN 19 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-7

11 PP05 GEORGIAN QUICKSTEP 23 A Chambertain 5-10-0 2-1 Fellow's Night, 5-2 Okaz, 4-1 Uliswater, 7-1 Chess Mistress, 8-1 Dwale, 10-1 balled Ruler, 12-1 others. 4.0 SUN VALLEY NOVICES CHASE (£1,920: 2m 3f)

1-4 Eltast, 8-1 Glazapta Again, 8-1 Mr Fagin, 20-1 Tour Vieite, 33-1 Jim Mccracken.

4.30 RUSSELL, BALDWIN & BRIGHT (MARKETS) AND HEREFORD TIMES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,360: 3m 1f) (4) 3UTS: £1,360: 3M 11) (4) 1 414- CAL MAL 360 (F.O.S) M Pipe 12-12-7... F Mounter (5) 2 3U OREEN BRANKLE 60 (D.O.S) N Henderson 13-12-7 N Ning (7) 3 0-1P DASHALONG 28 (RF,CD,S) H Morris 8-12-4

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Million at the Curragh

THE Cartier Million will move Carvills Hill in the Irish Grand from Phoenix Park to the Curragh next year but the Irish Turf Club yesterday denied reports that the move would take place this year (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). No decision has yet been senior siewards considered the made on the title of the race fine "inappropriate" in the

after the switch as Cartier has circumstances. already indicated that it does not wish to continue sponsorship. The £700 fine imposed on in Hong Kong for one season,

 John Matthias is to ride for English-born trainer David Hill Jim Dreaper for not running starting in September.





Finalists return to a familiar stage for closing curtain

By Sydney Friskin

HOUNSLOW and Havant are reaching out for the last of the season's plums, the Poundstretcher League Cup, when they meet in the final tomorrow at Luton Town Football Club, the scene of earlier triumphs for both sides.

At the end of the previous season, Hounslow won the league cup after defeating Southgate on penalty strokes and as recently as April 8, Havant secured the Nationwide Anglia Cup at this venue with a 3-0 win over Stourport.

A family bereavement may keep Jon Potter out of tomorrow's match and if he decides not to take part, his place in Hounslow's four-man back line will be taken by Parmi Soor, who had a good workout while playing for London Indians against Combined

Services on Thursday.
The Havant and England

Final teams

HOUNSLOW (probable): R Purvis; M Williamson, J Potter or Parmi Soor, P Boltand, G Swayne, M Grimley, D Hacker, A Ferns, N Gordon, R Thompson, J Rees. HAVANT (Probable): J Lewis; D Faulkner, S Lawson, R Hill, P Nail, A Cave, M Coleman, R Garcia, D Williams, C Cooper, R Seabrook.

out of the match because of a shoulder injury and makes way for Jimmy Lewis, aged 16, who has played for England at under-16 level. He kept goal successfully for Havant on Wednesday night when they defeated Combined Services

Both sides, with their ideal temperament for the big occasion, have built their successes on splendid team-work and the expectations are that they will play their fast, open game, taking whatever advantage they can of the short corners as they come. Hill, as usual, will do the striking for Havant and Robert Thompson for

In the semi-finals, Hounslow, the new league cham-pions, defeated Slough 4-2 after falling 2-1 behind. Havant, who conceded a goal in the fourth minute, recovered to beat East Grinstead 2-1.

Great expectations could be realized even earlier in the match for the second division final between St Albans and Neston, who drew 4-4 in the league towards the end of the season. When Hounslow and Havant last met in the league on March 18, Havant won 2-1

By the end of the day, young Lewis, having stood up to the might of Hounslow's attack, may well have proved that greatness has been achieved rather than having it thrust

• Kenny Morris, the Northern Ireland forward, announced his retirement last week from internationals and has withdrawn from the Great

'Safe' England beat Japan

ENGLAND beat Japan I-0 here yesterday for their second win of the World Cup. England wasted several penalty corners against yesterday for their second win of that the players are playing "a safe, holding game leading their opponents where they want the positive style of the Japa-

The first half was fast and energetic. Play started with England defending hard, but Vickey Dixon broke away, took the ball into the Japanese circle only to be foiled at the last.

She and Kathryn Edwards carried much responsibility and did well throughout, with Jill Atkins, always around to help. England's game has become much more defensive and somewhat frustrating to watch, but

From Joyce Whitehead, Sydney

them, waiting for their mistakes and ready to pounce on the loose ball". She does not mind that the goal-scoring is low. "It is all in the build-up game to game and the goals will come." "Four points from two matches is four points even if only one goal was scored each

Kate Parker was replaced at half-time by Mandy Langridge, whose extra speed helped. Within two minutes, Karen Brown scored the goal. It was a

RESULTS AND TABLES

threatened by drought

By Conrad Voss Bark

FISHING on the chalk streams zine Salmon, Trout and Sea

POOL A: England 1, Japan 0; Argentina 1, Australia 1; West Germany 3, China 1.

this year will depend more than

ever on the amount of rain we

are likely to get in the next three or four weeks. If the drought

persists until June then we could be in trouble.

the same as last year, the rivers are bound to suffer," an official

of the National Rivers Au-

The reason is that more and

more water is being extracted

from underground springs, known as aquifers, and pumped

into the public supply to meet the ever-increasing demands in

A few years ago, one estimate was that 10,000 million gallons

was pumped from the aquifers into the public supply. Last year

the figure must have been much

more than that and some of the boreholes were used to pump water back into the rivers, else

many of them would have run

thority (NRA) said.

southern England.

"If we get a long dry summer

Frout, most rivers in Berkshire

Wiltshire, Hampshire and parts

says. "the rivers receive virtu-

ally no compensation water, yet

the number of boreholes and the

potential loss to the rivers is

boreholes in a total area of some

770 square miles. That is one borehole for every two square

Of the big three rivers - the

Test, Itchen and Kennet - the

first two have good flows which for the moment are satisfactory.

The Kennet may have a prob-lem. A regional official of the

NRA says that the flow mea-sured at Marlborough "is below

average but not disastrously so.

The river is at present a little

lower than it was in April last

streams, the Allen and the

Piddle, are having trouble with

low flows. Places which were

Two lovely small Dorset trout

"In one area of Wiltshire," he

of Dorset have deteriorated.

clever effort, the indirect result of a penalty corner.
With the Japanese goalkeeper

on the ground and a bundle of players around her, Brown somehow found the only space available and shot home. Later. England had a bad patch, wasting four penalty corners and Dixon receiving a warning card.

The players tired, the game deteriorated and Edwards failed at a penalty stroke. There was a spate of injuries to the England players and Joan Lewis left the field. The Japanese, seeded twelfth, started the match well. They played controlled, fast, positive hockey and their future looks bright.

IOOKS DTIGHT.

ENGLAND: J Thompson, K Brown, S
Lister (capt), J Athires, V Dixon, K Parker
(sub: M Langridge), M Newill, J Lewis (sub:
A Sowerby), T Miller (sub: C Brewer), K
Edwards, J Sixsmith. • The most exciting match yesterday was the 1-1 draw

between Australia, the Olympic champions and top seeds, and Argentina, seeded eighth.
Netherlands easily beat Spain
3-0 and West Germany beat China 3-1 all goals coming in the second half.

Riding the crest of the dolphin-action wave

WAVE ACTION BREASTSTROKE The crest of a wave: The peak of the stroke, which, with heads gliding out of the water, provides the height for the shoulders to lunge forward, avoiding what heads to like the stroke the The dive: the legs kick back as the arms and head extend below

Recovery and arm pull: the arms pull back, but do not contract fully, releasing the hold on the water early so that the hands have time to break the surface ready to

There is life after the dead zone

OF THE three men who lead the world at the 200 metres breaststroke, two are riding on the crest of a wave said to have been created by their Hungarian mentor — the other is British, and, at least in the water, a

while only a hundredth of a second deprives Nick Gillingham, of the City of Birmingham, of the 2min 12.89sec world record set by Mike Barrowman, of the United States, last year, the latter's coerboom but the text. the latter's coach says that the dolphin-action stroke he "invented" is the tool that provides his pupil with the winning edge. Few would dispute the prin-ciple or worth of the waveaction technique; what is less certain is that Jozsef Nagy invented the stroke, or that his wave could carry others to the heights of Barrowman.
Nagy, an international swim-

mer in the early Seventies, began his search for a better breaststroke as a student at the Budapest University. It was there that he related an article

the Speedo Open meeting in Cardiff today (Craig Lord writes). Nick Gillingham, of City of Birmingham, the European 200 metres champion,

faces his first big test of fitness since a disappointing Common-

wealth Games in January. In the absence of Adrian

Moorhouse, the 100 metres world record holder, who is competing at the EC championships in Turin for City of Leeds, the challenge to Gillingham will

MOTOR SPORT

Unwavy waters: Gillingham's stroke is traditional Dr Richard Feynman, the Nobel tell-tale bubble of water pro-Prize-winning physicist, to the duced by the feet at the end of Prize-winning physicist, to the slowest of all modern swimming

height in the water and lunge forward with the shoulders, allowing them to follow the natural path of a rolling wave and trapping the energy that goes with that movement. The

The race may also fuel the debate between supporters of

traditional breaststroke and the wave-action technique. While

the Briton uses the former to great effect, Guttler follows the

guidance of his fellow countryman, Jozsef Nagy, who is said to have invented the dolphin-style

breaststroke. Elsewhere, the memory of the

A WORLD-class breaststroke field will line up for what promises to be one of the fastest 100 metres races of the year at the Speedo Open meeting in Cardiff today (Craig Lord writes). Nick Gillingham, of Card Piermingham the Furn.

The race may also fuel the

the action.
In traditional breaststroke, particularly among weaker swimmers, the shoulders may drop from the peak of the stroke into a trough, reflecting more accurately the motion of a breaking wave, which loses its

A world-class test for Gillingham Auckland Games will come flooding back for a host of English internationals in the English internationals in the form of a small Australian

> after a lean period during the late Seventies and early Eighties. Britain's new backstroke gueen, Jo Deakins, will meet Kristina Egerszegi, the Hungarian 200 metres Olympic backstroke champion, for the first time. Deakins was fourth in the 100 metres and 200 metres backstroke in Auckland.

contingent. Australia is fast returning to the ranks of the best

swimming nations of the world

point at which there is no forward propulsion and from which a great effort is required for recovery.

The lesson was not lost on Adrian Moorhouse, the Olym-pic champion and world record holder at 100 metres, who has just completed a teaching clinic on breaststroke in Canada with

Moorhouse, of Leeds, said:
"The principle of the wave action is sane. But I don't agree that there is necessarily a dead zone in the traditional stroke. nor that any particular person invented the wave. Just as in my stroke, these things evolve as you develop in swimming and what may be good for Barrow-man may not be good for other

people."

He points out that the earliest successful use of the wave action was by Anne Ottenbrite, of Canada, who struck gold in the 200 metres breaststroke at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982. At that time Suki Brownsdon, of Britain, was also using the technique with good

However, credence to the argument that the traditional stroke can be just as efficient as its young pretender is given by direct comparison of Gillingham and Barrowman.

Apart from the hundredth of a second which separates them in the water, physically the two men might be twins. At 5ft 111/2 in, the 23-year-old from Walsall is a fraction taller than his 21-year-old American rival. Gillingham, who faces Karoly Guttler, the Hungarian who lost

the gold to Moorhouse in Seoul by a hundredth of a second, at Cardiff this weekend, is philosophical about the stroke

Edwards

RUGBY LEAGUE

Platt and replaced for tour

By Keith Macklin

TWO further replacements for injured members of Great Brit-ain's touring party for Papua New Guinea and New Zealand New Guinea and New Zealand were announced yesterday. Darryl Powell, the Sheffield Eagles utility back, replaces the Wigan half back, Shaun Edwards, and the Leeds forward, Paul Dixon, replaces the Wigan front row forward, Andy Platt, whose knee ligament rules him out of the 10-week tour. Edwards has had some marvellous moments in clubrugby with Wigan, but he has been wretchedly unfortunate in terms of touring, since he terms of touring, since he missed the 1988 tour of Austra-

lia and New Zealand after being injured in Papua New Guinea Platt was prepared to battle on. But the Great Britain management team of Malcolm Reilly and Maurice Lindsay decided it would be asking too

much of the player.

Lindsay said: "We felt it would be unfair to place too much stress on his knee and perhaps wreck the ligament altogether. But like other top auogemer. But tike other top players who won't be making the trip, the rest should mean Andy will almost certainly be okay for the start of next

season."
Ironically, Platt is named in the Wigan squad for Sunday's premiership semi-final at home to Bradford Northern. Platt's hamstring trouble allows him to carry on for his club on a matching state has and the coach. by-match basis, and the coach, John Monie, again forces him through the pain barrier as Wigan go in search of their fourth major trophy after winning the Regal Trophy, the charmonthic and the Chall championship and the Challenge Cup. Byrne takes the place of Edwards at stand-off half.

Widnes bring back their disaffected front row forward,

Mike O'Neill, for their premier-ship semi-final tie against Leeds at Headingley. O'Neill was put on the transfer list at £90,000 after a dressing room altercation with the coach, Doug Laughton. But Laughton has sufficient sense to realise that O'Neill's vast experience will be an asset against a Leeds side who missed out on the championship and are desperate for success after several lean years.

The two first-division premiership games have stag-gered kick-off times to accom-modate television. The Leeds v Widnes match will start at 3pm and Wigan will play Bradford Northern at 6.30.

With Wigan's appetite for With Wigan's appetite for trophies apparently insatiable, and the spirit of their injury-hit squad apparently unquenchable, they should beat off the powerful challenge of Northern's big forwards and go into yet another final at Old Trafford a week tomorrow.

The game at Headingley is

The game at Headingley is wide open, with either side capable of winning, though home advantage may tilt it the way of Leeds. In the second-division

should go according to form and cague placings. The champions, Hull Kingston Rovers, should carry too many big guns for galant Dewsbury, who are sure to battle hard under the driving force of the tongue of Maurice Bamford, their coach. Rovers have the extra pace in all departments.

Oldham should salvage something from a season which threatened to fall apart when they failed to overtake Rovers enge Cup in the semi-final. Oldham's strong squad appears to be too much for Ryedale

BOWLS

Summer sport already | Staging conventional attack | Dumfriesshire to take on their title defence

DUMFRIESSHIRE, who for their North Section match

Kincardine v Perth (at Stonehaven); Bon Accord v Counties (at Seafield): Highland v Dundee (at Elgin). East Section: Midlothian v Borders (at Dalkeith): Fife v W Fife (at Windygates); Edinburgh and Leith v Linlithgowshire (at Gorgie Mills). West Section: Dumhartonshire v Argyll and Bute (at Dixon); Lanarkshire West v Clackmannan and Kin-

(at Largs); Stewartry v Glasgow South (at Dalbeattie); Wigtownshire v Dumfriesshire (at

scored only their second win in the 51-year history of the Scottish counties championship 12 with Perth, at Stonehaven.

This afternoon's fixtures are: North Section: Aberdeen and months ago, launch their title defence at Strangaer this afternoon, when they take on Wigtownshire, who finished last season with three wins from six matches, but are always a difficult side to beat at home.

The top match of the opening day is in the East Section, where Edinburgh and Leith, winners three years ago, take on Linlithgowshire. Last year's runners-up, Dumbartonshire, start their West Section campaign with an easy home match with Argyll and Bute, at Dixon. Aberdeen and Kincardine, who three times in the last four

ross (at Orbiston); Glasgow North v Renfreshire West (at Mount Vernon). South Section: Ayrshire v Renfrewshire South

for the second-division title, and were knocked out of the Chall-

endangered this year are the upper Avon, the Wylie, Nadder. Viddlesbro v Newcastle Oxford v Port Vale Portsmouth v Barnsley. Stoke v Swindon...... Sunderland v Oldham... and Bourne. According to a fly

Bridlington Town v Yeading (at Wembley).....

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-

RUGBY LEAGUE

CRICKET

Tour match

ARUNDEL: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v New Zealanders.

Britannic Assurance

County Championship

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Somerset.

Refuge Assurance League

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Gloucestershire.

FOLKESTONE: Kent v Middlesex.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v

NORTHAMPTON: Northampton-

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v

OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.

WORCESTER: Worces Notinghamshine (1.05).

11.0, 110 overs minimum

shire v Derbyshire.

2.0, 40 overs

3.0 unless stated

FA Vase

Barclays League

Some of those which could be shallow last year are now lower still, in some parts almost a trickle. Further west the spate rivers of Dartmoor and Bodmin are already very low, tem-peratures rising, and algae al-ready forming on the stones.

who has been doing research on water abstraction for the maga-**SCHOOLS FOOTBALL**

Champions seek treble By George Chesterton

CHIGWELLIANS have the opportunity to pull off a remarkable treble when they again meet the Reptonians in the Arthur Premier division

that one season in the lower division was enough, winning 13 of their 16 matches.

Premier division

Dunn Cup final replay at Motspur Park on Saturday. They have comfortably won the premier division of the Arthurian League and their second team defeated the Salopians in the junior league cup final. For the second year running Reptonians were runners-up of the premier division. Surprisingly, Cholmeleians, last year's winners of the top division, will be relegated and

Eton, who have only had one season at this level, will also go Lancing have made it clear

FENCING Stiff test for Williams

IAN Williams, aged 22. Britain's No. 1 sabre fencer, will face a tough test of the quality of his Hungarian training this weekend, having returned from Budapest to compete in the Corble Cup international sabre competition, which is taking place at the De Beaumont Centre in London.

Williams's international standing was much improved last November by his ninth place at the Munich international, a competition in which another Corble Cup contender, Hannes Hradez, of Austria, was

60 competitors in The London include the experienced
West Germans Franck

By Lesley Drennan

Bleckmann, last year's winner, who was a team silver medal winner at last year's world championships, Jorg Kempenich, Stephane Thonnessen, three times a Corble Cup runners and Klaps Wicheld! ner-up, and Klaus Wischeidt, the 1987 champion.

The last Briton to win the event was Mark Slade, of London Thames, in 1984. His club colleague John Lankshear, who was top Briton at last year's event, in fourth place will obviously be hoping to do even better.

France, the country with some of the world's best sabreurs, have entered their topranked fencers, Alain Coicaud and Ludovic Randon.

By a Special Correspondent

their four-wheel-drive opponents may not have matters all their own way when the Fram Weish International Rally starts

in Swansea today. While David Llewellin, of Wales, is favoured to win the event for a second time in his ence of two other former winners will provide the 30-year-old Haverfordwest farmer with the sternest challenge so far in the Shell Open Raily Championship.

Malcolm Wilson, the winner in 1985, heads the conventional attack with his Ford Sapphire Cosworth while Russell Brookes, who won three years 820, contests the event in the

WITH the promise of 200 miles less powerful four-wheel-drive of dry, dusty stages before them. Sierra. Jimmy McRae, of Scotdivers of conventional cars feel land, also has four-wheel drive. The French have won this on his semi-works Audi

Quattro. Fords seek victory in other categories in the two-day event. Gwyndaf Evans aims to win the showroom class in an almost unmodified Sapphire Cosworth while last year's RAC Raily winner, Pentti Airikkala (Finland), continues the dev-elopment of the new and unhomologated four-wheel-drive Sapphire Cosworth in ess for its August debut in readiness Finland.

 Attempting to win the Tour de Corse for a third successive time, Lancia's Didier Auriol could extend his lead in the world rally championship when the fourth round starts from the

Blackburn v Brighton Bournemouth v Leeds Utd

Second division

Bradford v Plymouth... Leicester v Sheffield U

Watford v Hull West Bromich v Ipswich West Ham v Wolves......

Altrincham v Wycombe ...

Barrow v Enfield Chorley v Barnet

TOMORROW

Kettering v Sutton. Udderminster v Ch

Merthyr v Fisher A Northwich v Runcom.

Stattord R v Famboro

GM Vauxhall Conference

Udderminster v Cheltenham ... Macclesfield v Boston

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich v Fulham. Queen's Park Rangers v Norwich: Arsenal v Glitangham; Portsmouth v Watford. Second division: Oxford v Luton: Crystal Palace v Northampton: Brentford v Brighton and Hove.

Amation; breinder v Enginen and Nove.

NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE;
Premier division: Endington Trinity v
Armithorpe Weltare; Haffield Main v
Gusseley; North Ferriby v Denaby; North
Shields v Thackley.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

AMERICAN POUTBALL

NOMA LEAGUE: Fylde Falcons v Thames
'allay Chargers (2.30); Nothingham Hoods
v Manchester Spartans (2.30); Glasgow
Lors v Leads Cougars (2.0); Manchester
Alistars v Leads Ser Partitiers (3.0); Gateshead Senators v Portsmouth Warriors
(2.0); Brighton B52s v Chelmsford v
Cherokee (2.0); Bristol Packers v London
Clympians (3.0).

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER LEAGUE CUP FINALS: First division: Hounslow v Hav-ent (Luton, 1.35). Second division: St Albans v Neston (Luton, 11.30).

OTHER SPORT

CANOEING: Birmingham Century

(Birmingham). EQUESTRIANISM: The Whitbread Chammionships: Badminton Horse Trials

GOLF: Benson and Hedges International Open (St Mellon, Cornwall).

Open (Si Mellion, Corrival). HANG GLEDING: British National League; Second round (Newton, Powys). MOTOR RACING: Historic Car Races

POWERBOAT RACING: Spithead Trophy

SOFTBALL: Greater London Softball Mexed Open Tournament (Levron)

Nexes Open Tourisment (Leyes). SPEEDWAY: World championship: British semi-finals; Cradiay Heath (2-30); King s

semi-mais: Craciey Heath (2-30); King's Lynn (3). TABLE TENNIS: Leads National

Championships (Öldham). WATER SKING: Jump and Endurance

HMG: UKBSA National Series

The French have won this dubbed the rally 10,000 corners, on all but a handful of occasions since its inception in 1956.

Auriol, who has a three-point lead, is backed up by Loubet in the second Lancia Delta while Toyota, buoyed up by their Safari win at Easter, rely

on Carlos Sainz, of Spain, and Armin Schwarz, of Germany, to try to end a run of five successive "home" victories. British interest in the four-day event is centred on Louise Aitken-Walker, who has fully recovered from the incident on the Portugese Rally in March when she and her co-driver ended up in a lake in their Vauxhall Astra.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Morton v Clyde.... Partick v Raith R.

Second division

Berwick v Arbroath

Montrose v Queen of Sth.,

Queens Park v Dumbarton.

Today

from St Melitor: BSC2 4.50-5.25pm: The Banson and Nedges International Open: ITV 12.30-1.30em (tomorrow): US PQA Tour 1998.

GRANNISTAND: BBC1 12.30-5.05pm: Equestricelass: Horse Trails from Badmistor: Rugby Union: Pilidopton Cup Flast: Gloscoster v Beth: Racing: 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 from Haydock Park: Football: World Cap proview.

GYMNASTICE: BBC2 6.15-7.30pm and Eumagont: 10.30pm:12.30em: European

Eurosport 10.30pm-12.30am: European Women's Championships from Athens.

Women's Championables from Athens. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12-2pm and 11pm-1sen: National Hockey League; divisional play-offs. MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 10em-midday: Highlights of the NASCAR 500 from the United States: Euroeport 6-7pm: Transferential.

day: Highlights of the NASCAR 500 from the United States: Euroeport 6-7pm: Truck racing. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:

Bersensport 9-10em and 8.30-8pm. RACHIG: C4 2.45-5.05pm: 8.0, 3.40. 4.15,

Third division Birmingham v Reading Blackpool v Bristol R .. Bristol C v Walsall...... Bury v Cardiff..... Crewe v Wigan..... Fulham v L Orient Huddersfield v Cheste Notts Co v Mansfield ..

Fourth division

Rotherham v Northamoton.

Aldershot v Cambridge Chesterfield v Grimsby Colchester v Burnley falifax v Stockport incoln v Exeter

Forquay v York ... Wrexham v Hartlepoo HFS Loans League Premier division

Bangor v Shepshed Buxton v Goole Caemarion v Stalybridge Fleetwood v Horwich

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The law should not stop at the touchline sport

THE time has come for some class distinction. Not social but moral. The lesson will be learnt yet again. I fear, next month in what could be the dirtiest World Cup yet: which is saying something.

The moral point is simultaneously made by Elmore Dixon's admirable letter in The Times on Thursday and a new book advocating that if the governing bodies of sport cannot uphold their own laws, the only recourse is to civil or even criminal law.

Several years ago Ted Croker, then secretary of the Football Association, asserted that sport did not need lawyers to run its affairs. He has been proved sadly Dixon, a West Indian living in

Florida, suggests that England's cricketers should cease playing with his countrymen and Pakistan if these teams cannot behave properly. He deplores the glee that greeted Smith's injury in the recent Test series. "Play only teams who exhibit some acquaintance with ethical standards," he says. I recommended years ago that football's World Cup had reached a point at which the only dignified action for England was



to withdraw, so extreme had the cheating become. Nowadays England's team tends to have joined the cheats.

The most comprehensive work yet published on the subject of violence and cheating, Medicine, Sport and the Law, edited by Simon Payne, goes further, Although there is no known case for countries proceeding against administrators, coaches, managers or referees/umpires, that respected authority, Edward Grayson, writes in the opening chapter:

The spiralling development [in violent play ignored by sports authorities] points inexorably in that direction."

The West Indian cricket umpire issuing a writ for slander against a radio commentator for alleged unfair criticism might feel less indignant were he himself to receive a writ from an injured batsman for failing properly to apply the laws of the game. As long

ago as 1978, J. E. Davis, a research registrar, and T. Gibson, a consultant physician, recorded in Injuries in Rugby Union that foul play probably caused a third of all injuries in their survey of 10 clubs. Sports medicine is an accurate guide to the state of fair play.

The following year, P. N. Sperryn, in a paper to the British Association of Sports Medicine symposium, stated: "It has recently become evident that deliberate foul play in certain sports is directly responsible for many sporting injuries. It could be argued that the medical profession, on becoming aware of such trends in the style of play in sport, should be among the first to initiate the political changes which should lead to the elimination of dangerous unfair play."

Try telling that to João Havelange, president of FIFA. International football has no serious input into sports medicine and makes token investigation of drug-taking. Yet amputation be-low the knee on the field of play is a free market.

Six World Cups ago, Pelé, Havelange's countryman, was mercilessly backed out of the

punitive action against the guilty players or the referee; including the incompetent George McCabe, of England, who allowed Morais, of Portugal, finally to put Pelé out of the cup. Sixteen years later, a similar appalling foul, by Schumacher, of West Germany, on Battiston, of France, in the semi-final failed to bring disci-

pline by the referee, by the West German Federation or by FIFA. Medicine, Sport and the Law points out that there are six sections of regulations under which sporting authorities can, but regularly fail to, take action:

i, the playing laws (how the game is played). 2, the penal laws (restrictions available to referees).

3, administrative laws (organization). 4, national laws (overriding control of fair play). 5, foreign national laws.

6, international governing body

In 1966, Bulgarian and Portuguese footballers and/or referees could arguably have been the subject of local civil or criminal

little clubs around them and

few of their players attain that

cosmopolitan quality which becomes those who travel

constantly on representative

duties. It is for that reason, as

much as any other, that a

Gloucester win would be wel-

come today, as an encourage-

ment of native virtue, if you

But it is unlikely. Even were

Gloucester playing at their best, which they patently are

not, Bath have the firepower

to match them, at scrum, at

lineout, in the loose, in goal-kicking and in the backs.

Especially the backs. Glouces-

ter have played some well-

integrated games this season,

which have brought a hatful of

tries for Morgan and Breeze

on their wings, but the Bath

midfield bring a dimension to

the game which makes the

Gloucester three-quarters

If this, for instance, proves to be Simon Halliday's last

game for Bath, he will want to

make it a good one, as will his

friend from university days, Stuart Barnes, and Jeremy

Guscott, who has always

stressed the debt he owes to

Halliday's strength, speed and

Chalkie White, the Rugby

Football Union's technical

administrator for the South-

West, and one of the most

player: he meant that the

performed. Bath, free to con-

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losing the league title, will

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the police. Such civil/criminal action would have been no different to the case of 1985 in which David Bishop, a rugby player, punched and injured an opponent. as seen by millions on television. There was a breach of the laws (1), no internal discipline (2 or 4) and the club ignored the incident (3).

The recourse was to the law, and at Crown Court proceedings, Bishop was jailed for a month, suspended on appeal. The notion of cheating by physical injury bowling at the batsman's head has been underplayed if not ignored. As Grayson writes:

"Violent breaches of sporting law, condoned or inadequately disciplined by over-tolerant administrators, coaches and referees, have created a misconception that sport could be a legal 'no go' area, on the basis that the law of the land stops at the touchline."

In the season 1986-87 there were 230 instances of assaults on referees in England alone. Be-tween 1968 and 1989, there were 16 cases of legal action for violent injury within sport, in many instances the complainant

tion. This aspect of justice is unrecognized by sporting bodies. When Paul Davis, of Arsenal, broke the jaw of Glean Cockerill in 1988, the FA suspended Davis

for nine matches and fined him £3,000, but had no thought for compensation to Cockerill When a referee in the Sussex County League was butted, he took the case, through the police, to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board: the offender got 28 days and the referee £400. It is unlikely, however, that sporting bodies would arrogate to themselves such powers, wary of legal vulnerability and feeling ill equipped to adjudicate fairly on such issues.

Yet the theme within sport becomes increasingly alarming. The findings of the Institute for the Study of Children in Sport last year were that a third of 10-yearolds is prepared to commit a foul in sport to gain an advantage.

Worrying also is the role of sports authority towards drugs. Ron Angus, a judo champion, was suspended for life, and reinstated in 1984, for having taken pseudoephedrine in a treatment for sinus. Willie Johnston was sent

Stibbe preserves a narrow lead

home from the World Cup in 1978 for having taken a similar substance, Reactivan, prescribed by his West Bromwich Albion doctor.

As with the controversy involving the sprinter, Christie, in the Olympic Games in Seoul, the sporting authorities need to be sure, 1, that athletes/doctors know when they are likely to be breaching the laws; 2, that banned substances are not part of legitimate prescriptions; and 3, that their lawyers must find a balance between the interests of sporting fair play and the rights of

individuals. Grayson rightly says: "When health and safety are at risk, the general legal system alone cannot protect the community which obtains its pleasure within the conventional sporting sphere. It needs evidence from the medical world, whether with regard to drugs, violence of maladministration, to prove specific breaches of

regulation."
* Medicine, Sport and the Law, edited by Simon Payne (Blackwell Scientific Publications and the Medical Protection Society, £29.50).

RUGBY UNION

Bath's virtues are likely to leave Gloucester bankrupt for World

or the place. G. Spondent
A SEion de which, a month

ago, promised Gloucester such unexpected riches now threatens to leave them bereft of material reward. Their tilt at the league title expired last weekend and now the same 15 players must raise their game in the Pilkington Cup final, at Twickenham today, against a Bath side which seems to have recovered its formidably best

Bath, the holders, whose domination of the cup competition has been the feature of English rugby in the Eighties, must begin the Nineties as overwhelming favourites in the nineteenth knockout final, not only because of their own well-rehearsed virtues but because of Gloucester's slump during April. The only thing to be said in Gloucester's favour

is, oddly enough, that it is Bath they are playing. The two West Country clubs, who receive £4,500 each for reaching the final and between them will draw another capacity crowd of 52,000 to Twickenham, know each other too well for one to сшатео то опп out the best in Gloucester, it is Bath; once it would have been Bristol, their other great rivals. but such has been Bath's domination of events over the last six years that Bristol, cup finalists in 1988, have been

quite overshadowed. The fact that Bath will bring 11 internationals with them today cuts no ice with Gloucester. They were un-moved back in September when their 13-6 win at Kingsholm cracked the apparently impenetratable wall which Bath had made around the Courage Clubs ChampTEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

Bath			Glouces	ter
J Callard	16	Full back	T Smith	15
A Swift	15	Right wing	D Morgan	14
S Haifiday	14	Right centre	D Caskie	13
J Guscott	12	Left centre	R Mogg	12
A Adebayo	11	Left wing	J Breeze	11
S Barnes (capt)	10	Stand off	M Hamlin (capt)	10
R Hill	9	Scrum half	M Hannaford	9
V Obogu	Ĭ	Prop	M Preedy	1
R Dawe	Ź	Hooker	K Dunn	ź
G Chilcott	3	Prop	R Pascall	3
A Robinson	6	Flanker	J Gadd	6
N Redman	4	Lock	N Scrivens	4
D Cronin	5	Lock	J Brain	5
K Withey	ž	Flanker	(Smith	7
D Egerton	8	No 8	M Teague	8
1	Referee	: F A Howard (Li	verpool)	•

REPLACEMENTS: 16 D Cummins; 17 L Gardiner; 18 J Hanricer; 19 P Jones; 20 D Sime; 21 P Astensed.

Scoring record shared

PATHS TO THE FINAL: Bath: beat Harlequins, 9-0 (home); beat Headingley, 25-3 (hi); beat Richmond, 35-3 (away); beat Moseley, 21-7 (s). Gloucester: beat Wesps, 23-19 (s); beat Gostorth 25-15, (a); beat Nottingham, 26-16 (a); be knockout competition when they beat Moseley 17-6 in 1972. They played all their games away from home, as they have in reaching this final. They appeared in the 1978 final when they have I eigester 6-3 final, when they open Leicesser or o, and the 1962 final, when they drew 12-12 with Moseley after extra time. • Four members of today's team — Richard Mogg, Malcolm Preedy, John Gadd and Mike Teague —

ionship; they have met Bath's best and have beaten them. Twickenham, an atmosphere where Bath's huge representative experience will serve them so well. Four of them, Halliday, Guscott, Hill and Cronin, were involved in that exhausting Calcutta Cup

 Bath's first appearance in the final was in 1984 and they have been at Twickenham every year since, with the exception of 1988. They have yet to lose a final. Bristol when they won 10-9. Sub-sequently, they have beaten London Welsh 24-15 (1985), Wasps 25-17 (1986), Wasps 19-12 (1987) and Leicester 10-6 (1989).

match at Murrayfield in March: only one of the Bath

England shirt at one level or another, Kevin Withey, a But not in a cup final at flanker, who - along with several other members of Bath's squad - would be an automatic choice for many other first teams but for the presence of so much talent.

The Gloucester players, in contrast, have a homesoun quality; this is not to say that Bath do not draw largely from players has failed to pull on an West Countrymen but perform today.

Neath are coiled and

Irish start the hunt Cup coach

By David Hands

JIMMY Davidson's decision to withdraw as coach to Ireland could, ironically, leave his successor in a stronger position. Traditionally national coaches are nominated for one year only, though most newcomers to the post would expect three years in which to establish their regime. But with the World Cup at the start of the 1991-92 season, the new man could surely stipulate a

minimum of two years.

Davidson's tenure of office has been fraught with criticism of his methods — not least from
Mick Doyle, his predecessor —
and the ostensible reason for his
resignation (that he was not
invited to this weekend's fitness testing programme in Belfast) may be merely the straw that broke the carnel's back.
The new coach will be known

after the annual meeting of the IRFU on June 29, a meeting which will also consider a new policy of appointing selectors. The coaching contenders must include two former international hookers, Pat Whelan coach to Munster and Ireland B, and Ciaran Fitzgerald, the cap-tain of the 1983 British Lions. Johnny Moloney who, with Fitzgerald, has been coaching Ireland's under-25 and under-21

teams, wants to remain at that Ireland have no close-season commitments but their undergames as preparation for their World Cup qualifying tour-nament in Italy in October. • The African zone will produce their qualifier for the World Cup over the next eight days. Their tournament begins

analytical rugby brains in England, once described Halliday as an exceptionally honest in Harare today, when Morocco play Tunisia and Zimbabwe, the centre would never hold back favourites, play the Ivory Coast. in any respect, and that his Toulouse, the holders, play Narbonne at Agen today in the degree of commitment invariably created around him an aura in which others also first of the quarter-finals of the French club championship. The other three games will be played centrate over the last five de France and Grenoble (Lyon). Agen and Toulon (Nimes), and Dax and Montferrand

It may indicate a diminished predilection with the abbre-viated game but no team has dominated the circuit, in contrast to a decade ago when the likes of Kelso and Stewart's Melville refined the art of sevens to near perfection and proved it by repeatedly winning. Undoubtedly the policy of taking the national team on tour during May and June has contributed to a decline in the overall standard of sevens, if only because the top players are less committed to what used to be the natural conclusion to the

15-a-side season. This season only two of the four tournaments so far have been won by Border clubs, Jed-Forest winning at Hawick and Kelso the victors last weekend at Jedburgh. Both have listed strong sides for today's tour-nament at Langbolm, Kelso especially so with the team that conquered last weekend. Mel-

Aspatria drawn against Gala.
The host club, Langholm, have not contrived an easy draw, with Glasgow High-Kelvinside, who have been the most consistent of the city clubs.

leaner and fitter than ever attributable partly to his new passion for point-to-pointing. He will set off over the 28-fence their opponents in the first cross country course in attackriders such as the dual Olympic champion, Mark Todd, and the Olympic silver medal winner, lan Stark hard on his heels only a clear round within the time

> Unlike some of the less experienced riders he wears the awe. "The course is far more mine, I have other horses at



Nervous respite: Angela Davies and Paramount II shelter before the dressage

Dressage gives high hopes for Davidson's final trial

By Jenny MacArthur

technical this year than it used to be," he said yesterday, "but it's a great track and it should ride well."

Sixteen years ago when he made his first attempt and finished third on Irish Cap—the bosse on which he wood his first. THE dual world champion, 3ruce Davidson, of the United States, who is having a sixth and final attempt to win the Whitbread Championships at Badminton, starts today's cross-country phase in optimistic mood after a polished dressage test yesterday with the 14-year-old Noah left him just five marks adrift of Thursday's over-marks leader Edde Stibbe of The horse on which he won his first world title — the emphasis was more on huge fences which could be galloped at. Hugh Thomas, who took over the position of course designer

night leader, Edde Stibbe, of The Netherlands. Davidson, who has nursed an last year, has deliberately in-creased its technicality in line ambition to win Badminton since his first attempt in 1974, with the trend in international might well have overtaken Stibbe had it not been for some untypical mistakes in the canter work. Even so, his test — light and fluid throughout — was a delight to watch and a reassurcompetitions in Europe. Todd, who first competed 10 years ago, said yesterday: "Everything has a problem, everything is there to be jumped." Fences such as the W at fence 10, the Beaufort Stairing start to the gruelling com-

case at 17 and the Quarry at 23 require the kind of controlled, accurate riding at which Davidpetition ahead In previous attempts at Badminton, Davidson's highest place was runner-up in 1982 on son excels. J J Babu — the horse on which he won a team gold medal in the 1984 Olympics but who was put down last year after breaking a

have done little to diminish his confidence. They were fourth at Bramham last year and also completed the British National Today, at 40, Davidson looks Championships at Gatcombe. His weakest discipline is the show jumping phase in which his tendency to knock down several fences has in the past dropped him well down the line ing mood knowing that, with at important events.

If he finishes in the top this weekend Davidson will be in line for a place at the World Championships in Stockholm in July for a crack at a third world title. Yesterday he was reluctant to entertain such thoughts. The selectors live in fences with respect rather than , their little world and I live in

Noah's recent performances

home and I'll know better on Sunday whether Noah is a world championship prospect. But if I don't go to Stockholm there's always Burghley."

Transfer wrangle WARRINGTON have turned down a transfer request from Steve Molloy, the Great Britain Rugby League Under-21 prop, who is angry at being Silk Cut Challenge Cup final defeat by Wigan.



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Overseas policy reviewed

By Owen Jenkins

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) is reviewing its stance towards the registration of overseas players for Welsh clubs for the league system which begins

in September.

Originally, the Merit Table clubs and the league working party decided that no overseas players should be allowed to play for Welsh clubs in the league. But this is now being referred to a sub-committee which will report back to the general committee at the end of

Denis Evans, the Weish Rugby Union secretary, said: We have to take into consideration the fact that somebody's job might bring him from overseas. The Courage Clubs overseas. The Courage Clubs Championship has a 13-week qualification rule so we might look at something like that."

The WRU has also announced that caps will be awarded to players on the forthcoming tour of Namibia.

The final playing in the

• The final placings in the Whitbread Merit Table confirmed Glamorgan Wanderers' decision to call off their last two fixtures secured them the final spot in Welsh rugby's elite next season. Wanderers needed to finish five places above Maesteg. to gain the remaining place in the Heincken League premier

Wanderers will join Neath, Llanelli, Pontypool, Newbridge, Swansea, Bridgend, Pontypridd, Abertillery, and Cardiff. The eight other Marit clubs will form the first division.

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ready to spring again By Gerald Davis

"NOT much to this Neath, eh?" "NOT much to this Neath, eh?" is the kind of comment that could well have passed along the Newport touchline bench after 30 minutes of last Saturday's game at The Gnoll. Newport were leading 6-4 at the time. "What's all the fuss been about?" they might well have aminuted and begun flexing a ruminated, and begun flexing a muscle or two. They were never to feel the same again for the rest of the game.

In the next 11 minutes Neath went into the kind of overdrive that their team manager, Ron Waldron, expects and, when he is able to set aside his parochial interests, would like to see other Welsh clubs emulate.
In that period Newport's

worst pre-match fears were realized when Neath began to string their passes together, the ball went to hand, the support seemed endless and it did not matter whether it was forward or threequarter who made the telling stroke, the end result was conclusive. Newport were en-gulfed by black jerseys and that brief period set the scene for Neath to add 50 more points to the scoreboard without reply.

It is the kind of unrelenting momentum that Bridgend, whom Neath meet at the Arms Park this afternoon in the Welsh Cup final, sponsored by Schweppes, will have feared all week. Such a lesson at the hands of Neath has been commonplace all season. Many a team has contained them for a while but the coiled Neath spring ultimately unleashes its sting.
Bridgend will have planned

how to stop Neath forcing the pace. No Welsh side is slick pace. No weish suc is suck enough or fast enough to match it. It is when they play at the opposition's pace that they come unstuck. It is what Bridgend will hope. From Wales, only Llanelli, with a measured amount of possession and good kicking have suc-oreded against Neath this

In November, Bridgend lost In November, Bridgend lost itive pattern which emerges 31-12 on Neath's own patch, but other than that they do take each

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Neath			Bridgend				
P Thorburn	15	Full back	A Parry				
J Ball	14	Right wing	G Webbe				
C Laity	13	Right centre	J Apsee (capt)				
A Bateman	12	Left centre	L Evans				
A Edmunds	11	Left wing	R Diplock				
P Williams	10	Stand off	A Williams				
C Bridges	9	Scrum half	K Ellis				
B Williams	ī	Prop	D Austin				
K Phillips (capt)	2	Hooker	W Hall				
J Pugh	3	Prop	P Edwards				
R Phillips	6	Flanker	S Bryant				
G Llewellyn	4	Lock	P Kawulok				
A Kembury	5	Lock	N Spender				
M Morris	7	Flanker	M Budd				
M Jones	8	No 8	O Williams				
Referee: C Norling (Birchgrave)							

REPLACEMENTS: 16 M Jones; 17 R Howley: 18 J Bernington; 18 O Reed; 20 L Phillips; 21 P Yarday; 22 P Flood. Griffiths; 18 A Davies; 19 A Thos Joseph; 21 M Whitson.

they can take comfort from the fact that, later in December. they drove their opponents close 22-16 at the Brewery Field. But. perhaps, those were heady days for Bridgend, when they could also pride themselves on a victory over Wales in September.

But they failed to build on all that, Mike Griffiths, their prop.

departed, as did Mike Hall, their centre. The gloss soon faded. So much so, that a week ago their coach, Brian Nicholas, resigned over an internal club dispute as to the line of management to be followed next season. Bridgend's captain and prop forward, Meredydd James, has taken over as caretaker coach. So who is to say what effect all this will have. They notched 54 points against South Wales Police last Saturday, although pot much, I would have thought, should be concluded from that, Parry, their full back,

has scored more than 400 points

for them this year. Ellis and Williams are influential players at half back and have scored 44

tries between them. But, search as you may, there is no defin-

game as it comes and hope it will be to their benefit. Between 1979 and 1982, Pridgend were in four consec-utive finals, winning on the first two occasions. But they have not been back since. Neath, by now, are familiar to everybody. This is their third successive final, having lost and won against Llanelli in the past two years. Both of today's teams have scored 26 tries each in the competition so far.

three titles will not be up for grabs again.

Neath have given most of the clubs they meet the runaround. If they win the cup, to add to the Western Mail Championship and Merit Table Trophy, they will have accomplished that aged. It will remain a unique achievement since, with a new league structure coming into existence next September, all

NEATH: P Thorburn; J Ball, C Lairy, A Bateman, A Edmunds: P Williams, C Bridges; B Williams, K Phillips, J Pugh, R Phillips, Glyn Lleweillyn, A Kembery, M Morris, M Jones.
BRIDGEND: A Parry: G Webbe, J Acase, L Evans, R Diplock: A Williams, K Elfs; D Austin, W Hall, P Edwards, S Bryant, P Kawatok, N Spender, M Budd, O Williams.

togethers, at Gleneagles. DRAW: Jod-Forest v Editourch Academi-cals; Hawick Harieguns v Sürling; Mel-rose v Tyneuale; Hawick v Royal High; Gala v Aspatria, Keiso v Sellviri; Langholm v Glasgow High-Kelvinside; Boroughmuir v Henot s.

Heat rises on final sevens

By Alan Lorimer

WITH temperatures in Glenlivet and elsewhere in Scotland reaching the 80s, it is perhaps as well that what is essentially a sport played throughout the cooler months has its last day of the Scottish season today. That traditionally means the Lang-holm sevens, the final tournament of the Border spring

rose, one of the other possible semi-finalists, meet Tynedale in the first round, which also sees

None of the players in the Scotland party bound for New Zealand this month will be at Langholm. The squad will be having the first of its get**TRAVEL**

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After a week of doing nothing, we wanted to do something: visit the mountain village of Ayiassos on the other side of the Greece's third largest island. I considered hiring a moped. Then we met Geoff, who had. He also had a season ticket to the nearest out-patient clinic, as the brakes had failed and left him with an inch-deep hole in his arm. He was not a happy man. We thought of hiring a car.

Then we saw the one that was available and spoke to the couple who'd just returned it. It had taken them half-way across Lesbos, but declined to bring them back again. They were not a happy couple.

The car-hire man had quickly agreed that they should only pay half the hirecharge. The next day he had offered us the same car. unrepaired, at full price.

We did want to see Ayiassos, though, and as we also wanted to come back in one piece and on the same day we asked about a taxi. It was cheaper than hiring a car or staying overnight, especially when we arranged to share it with Geoff.

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Taxi trip for the pilgrims

A trip across the island of Lesbos to the holy church of Ayiassos proved that the old Greek way of life still exists behind the tourist façade, Mike Gerrard says

Paul, the taxi driver, was Greek-Australian and lived with his family in Antissa, up in the hills 10 miles from Signi.

He was also on time.
"We lived in Sydney," he told us. "I was there till I was 18, then my dad decided he wanted to come back to live in his village. I wanted to stay in Sydney, but that would have broken the family up." Did he wish he was still

He shrugged: "It's better the family stays together." We asked about the return journey.

"Sure, I wait for you. How long you want, a couple of Well, a bit longer than that

. all day, really."
"All day? In Ayiassos? There's nothing to do - you know there's no beach there." We had suspected that a mountain village was unlikely

to have a beach. He obviously thought we were crazy. He couldn't pick us up himself, so as we drove up through the thick pine-covered hills towards Mount Olympus and Ayiassos, he stopped in the middle of the road and flagged down a cab to arrange our trip "Be in the square at 4.30,

this man will bring you back, same fare." in the square we sat down

for coffee, in what turned out to be the only eating place in town. Inside, Greek coffee was bubbling on a charcoal fire, the chef was throwing octopus into a pot and the lavatory arrangements were primitive. Two north of England girls tottered in on high heels and

"Do you do milk-shakes then?" They tottered off again,

muttering. But it was bold of them to have made it to Ayiassos on their scooter - foreign tourists were not exactly thick on the ground. The town has only two small hotels. We never found the second, but the first had rooms available, even at the height of the season.

Greek tourists packed the cobbled streets that climb up through the town, because Ayiassos has one of the holiest churches in the country. The Church of the Panayia, Our Lady of Ayiassos, houses an icon alleged to have been painted by St Luke and brought to the town from Jerusalem in the 9th century.

As you gaze on the Madonna's faded face, under glass in its silvery frame, you can believe it. Women cross themselves and murmur, candles warm and scent the air, and there is a hushed reverence in the church until the cleaners come in rattling buckets and mopping at your ankles. On August 15 the icon is

carried in procession around the town. As the date gets nearer, pilgrims camp in the courtyard outside the church. Some spend up to 15 days there, living in the open. Others make the long uphill walk overnight from surrounding villages in time for the procession, the feast, the fair and the folk musicians who play the next night through in the Kipos tis Jannis Kakourgos, the town's celebrated santouri player, who has a shop selling cassettes and instruments and whose metallic music draws you up the tat-lined streets to

While we were at the church in late August the local priest was enjoying a quiet coffee in the case outside the gates. He asked to see an old photo we had bought for 150 drachmas in a junk shop, also of a priest with his family. Then a coach party arrived, the Greek WI by the look of it, and after his ring had been kissed half a dozen times, and a black tide of Greek women was still rippling over the cobbles in his direction, creaking in the heat, he made a quick exit. The streets of Ayiassos are

shaded with vines, like the more popular tourist resort of Molyvos in the north of the island. Aylassos is very much a Greek town, and in the back streets away from the tourist route up to the church ("Come, look, special price!") are shadowy shops where carpenters and potters work. Shoe shops and drapers congregate together in Middle Eastern fashion, and women sit on doorsteps making lace.

Children giggle and pose for the camera, doing the sirtaki and falling over, then waving and laughing and moving on. Wooden houses have verandas that lean out over the streets, and flourishing plants and flowers turn out to conceal balconies beneath.

We stopped on a bridge, looking down at a street full of ancient cases, where rows of old men sat drinking ouzos and cating mezes. The legal requirement of serving a meze to mop up the alcohol isn't universally practised now in Greece, though down the road from Ayiassos is Plomari, centre of the Lesbos ouzo industry, and the mountain stuff is strong. As we watched, a man

selling jeans from the back of a Mazda pick-up pulled up and got out. We were ready for the "special price" spiel, but instead he said "Would you like me to take your photograph? Without thinking, I handed him the Olympus, and he took the photo (a good one, too), handed back the camera, smiled and drove off.

After a lunch of octopus stew, we followed the signs for Kastelli and climbed a track through flower and vegetable gardens to the chapel of the Archangel, which stands above Ayiassos and gives a Panayias, Our Lady's Garden. splendid view of the town, The musicians include revealing that we hadn't seen. This one was on time, too.



Far from the crowd: few tourists climb the steep streets of Ayiassos

the half of it, despite our backstreet hikes. The path passed wild clematis, though we didn't spot the Kruper's nuthatch a friend had seen here a few years earlier.

The gardener at the chapel offered us a drink of water. which we needed before setting off down again, avoiding the mules, in time for our taxi.

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This week's summer-strength sunshine seems certain to boost bookings for stay-in-Britain holidays. Latest estimates in the English Tourist Board's Holiday Intentions Survey 1990 forecast an extra 1.4 million of us spending holidays in England this year - a 3 per cent increase.

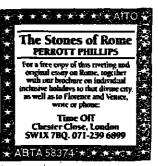
With yet more brilliant weather predicted for this weekend, purveyors of foreign holidays are polishing their blandishments. The agency chain Lunn Poly warns sternly that last minute deals on packages this summer will be in short supply "so customers would do well to take advantage of" its latest special offer of £20 per person off any beliday for two from Intasun. Global Lancaster or Club 18-

Anyone planning to visit Prague should book a bed early. Cedok, the state-run Czechoslovak travel agency, cannot book hotel rooms for independent travellers at less than two weeks' notice. However, the city's top hotels usually hold a limited number of rooms for unexpected arriv-

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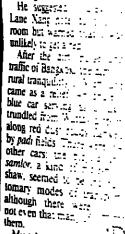
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Tales of white elephant land

cfore leaving for Laos, I telephoned the poet James Fenton, thinking that, as an old Indo-China hand, he would have some useful advice about the

"James, have you ever been to Vientiane?" "Mmm, years ago."

"What's it like?" "I can't remember." "Why not?" "That's the thing about Laos. No one ever can.

"I see. So the trick is to take lots of notes." "No, the trick is to realize that you won't understand a

thing about it."

Long before I got to Laos, I was beginning to get a sense of what Fenton had meant There is, for example, almost nothing in print on Laos. A Dragon Apparent, Norman Lewis's classic account of his travels in IndoChina, was published in the 1950s and, though as fresh as ever, is not up to date.

From an analysis in a series on Marxist regimes, I learnt that there was one telephone per 1,000 people but gained no feel for the place. Guidebooks to the region devote, at best, a couple of pages to Laos, and none of the correspondents I knew had been there since the early 1970s. While all this added to the appeal of the trip, it also confirmed what I had somehow always suspected: that Laos was the Rip van Winkle of South-east Asia, the sleeping midget, a land that

Though Britain closed its embassy in Vientiane on April 1, 1985, diplomatic relations have been maintained through the Australians. And, at the British embassy in Bangkok, the Laos expert told me that Ovaltine was the staple drink, that the sale of electricity to Thailand and "overflights" (use of airspace) were two of the country's principal sources of revenue, that the Lao government had sent a congratulatory telegram to the new government in Romania and that all Vientiane was glued to Thai tele-vision, which could be picked up from the Thai border town of Nong Khai.

Lane Xang hotel to book a ing the full extent of the room but warned that I was ravages of time and neglect. unlikely to get a reply.

After the dirt, noise and rural tranquillity of Vientiane came as a relief. An ancient blue car serving as a taxi, trundled from Wattay airport along red dust roads flanked by padi fields. There were few other cars; the bicycle and samlor, a kind of cycle-rickshaw, seemed to be the customary modes of transport, although there were not even that many of

My telex had never reached the Lane Xang which is called after the ancient name for Laos meaning kingdom of a million elephants", and looks

out over the Mekong, but they found me a room. After I had unpacked, I went for a walk. it was early evening, that golden hour between day and nightfall, and the air was full of the sound of birds and temple bells. Along the Rue Setthathirath, where there are five imposing temples (wats) in less than a mile, monks in saffron robes were going about their business. Laos, like Thailand, is profoundly Buddhist, and Pathet Lao, the ruling Communist Party, which has been in power since 1975, has in recent years taken a more relaxed, even encouraging, attitude towards the national religion. As the presence of the monks and the wats and the practice of the various Buddhist rituals add enormously to the visual, let alone spiritual, appeal of daily life in Laos, the visitor must offer up

a prayer of thanks that Pathet Lao decided that tolerance would best serve the cause. dusty roads, flying kites made



In the forgotten 'kingdom of a

million elephants' Lucretia Stewart

explores the lost elegance of the Lao capital.

Vientiane, and the dazzling freshness of Luang Prabang



The rituals of Buddhism servive in Marxist Laos

chasing kittens. A desultory game of football was in progress on the banks of the Mekong, and outside the Vientiene Tennis Club, four small boys were taking turns with a single racket. It was pleasantly cool and the setting sun cast a kindly glow over the dilapidated houses and destroyed pavements, conceal-

in Laos white elephants are regarded traffic of Bangkok, the almost as being extremely auspicious, and a stroke of luck had delivered a white elephant into the hands of the Lao people. As one of the two English-language publications in Vientiane, a pictorial quarterly called Laos, put it: "A dream of the Lao people to see a white mascot-elephant has become true in the new re-

'Despite our differing lots, you never meet a rude or hostile Lao'

gime, and hence they believe system, including the present one, is better than domination This white elephant was rounded up on December 30, 1984, at Khoksaphayakeo region . . by Mr Bounteum

and Bounmy ...
I had understood that the elephant was in Vientiane Zoo and, given that the city's amusements are in short supply, decided to go and see it.

The elephant is not there, said the girl in the travel agency. "Mr Kaysone (the party secretary) has taken it."
"Well, where's he taken it?" "To his house."

"What for?" "To feed it." "Where's his house? Can I go and see it there?" "He has many houses."

There the conversation ended. Later I met a man who told me, with undisguised relish, of the King of Thailand's attempts to buy the white elephant for many millions of baht" and of his Children were playing in the government's refusal to part with the beast. Laos has good

itive with and resentful of Thailand The famous Emerald Buddha, which occupies the place of honour in Bang-kok's Grand Palace, was once the pride and joy of the Lao. Also, in 1941 the French, who then controlled Laos, ceded all Lao territories on the west bank of the Mekong (all Sayaboury and part of Champasak province) to Thailand, an action which left the Lao enraged but powerless. It would be extraordinary if they remained unmoved by the greater power and prosper-ity of their rich neighbour.

After five days in Vientians I felt I had the city taped. The whole place comes to a standstill between noon and 2pm and nothing is permitted to disturb this sacred siesta time. The afternoon unfolds at an even more leisurely pace than the morning and, by nightfall, the city has gone to sleep.

Entertainment for the young Lao is limited. Once a week, on Friday, a violent That film dubbed into Lao is shown at the cinema in the Rue Anou. In the one I saw, the villain performed acts of unspeakable cruelty that would not have disgraced a Sam Peckinpah movie. The audience remained unmoved, young mothers breast-fed

their babies and I hid my eyes.

At the third attempt, I managed to find the Museum of the Revolution open. The custodian behaved as if I had somehow outwitted her by catching the museum in a rare moment of accessibility. Inside was a motley collection of soil samples, rusty weapons, field telephones, Lao handi-crafts and musical instruments, pictures of Lenin and Lao heroes, and a medical display including false teeth and various unpleasant objects which I took to be intestinal parasites preserved in formaldehyde.

Vientiane is a wonderfully humbling place. The city is, for the most part, utterly ruined, as if it had just been hit by an earthquake. It resembles a large barnyard with chickens scratching in the dust and wandering in and out of buildings, and pigs grubbing in the overgrown gardens of once-elegant French colonial mansions. The sound you most often hear, along with

town. The hills were bluishmaking roar of aircraft overhead, is a cock crowing. Everything is a state of terminal decay but I was told usual entrancing scenes of that it had looked like that for the past 25 years. The disincy between our lot and theirs is massive, and yet you never encounter a rude or hostile Lao. This is not to suggest that everyone is delighted with his or her lot.

green descending to grey-green fields, and all around were the

Oriental rural life: water buf-

falo lazing in the fields, young

women in brilliantly coloured

sarongs chasing small child-

ren, palm trees reflected in

pools of water, wisps of smoke

from a kitchen fire, and everywhere flashes of gold

At 2pm, my guide came to

take me for a tour. This

involved rushing from wat to

wat while the afternoon sun

was at its fiercest. This speed,

combined with her ignorance

of any language I could speak, left me rather vague as to

which wat was what, but one

Xieng Thong. Built in 1560, it

consists of a number of richly decorated buildings in a large

graceful courtyard, reached via a flight of steps flanked by

two statues of grinning, white, cat-like beasts. It is at the extremity of the triangle

formed by the Mekong and the

Nam Khan, and over the road

is a further flight of steps, also

guarded by two cats, leading down to a landing stage on the banks of the Mekong. A group of young monks was sitting on

the steps smoking and listen-

ing to the radio.
The indolent delights of

Luang Prabang are unfortu-

nately too numerous to detail

here but, as I watched the sun set over the Mekong and

listened to the cries of the

children splashing in the water

and the rhythmic beat of the

gong summoning the monks

to evening prayer, it was all too easy to understand why it

had been the dream of every

his days there.

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from the roofs of the wats.

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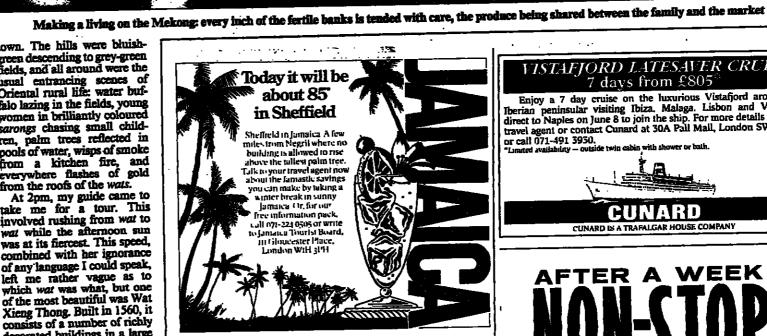
by a foreign power.
This certainly was the view of the young man next to whom I sat on the plane to Luang Prabang, the ancient royal capital of Laos, which lies about 300 miles north of Vientiane at the confluence of the Mekong and the Nam Khan. At one point, it had looked as though I would never succeed in getting out of Vientiane because, when I went to collect my ticket to Luang Prabang, I was told that

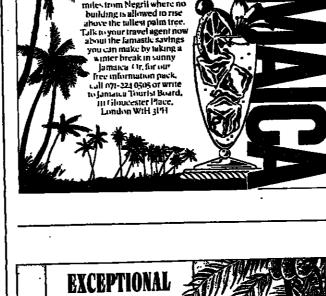
round to it. Vientiane, for all its charms, is not beautiful: Luang Prabang, like an exquisite, idealized vision of the East, is dazzlingly so. From my bal-cony, I could see a golden spire shimmering in the heat haze on the roof of a white temple at the top of a hill rising above the centre of

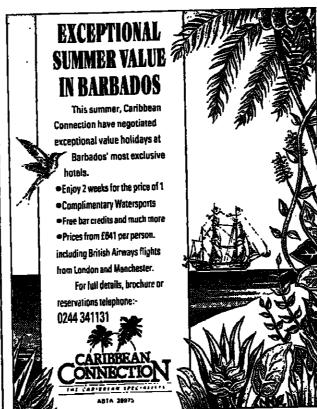
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getting married and there was

no telling when he would get











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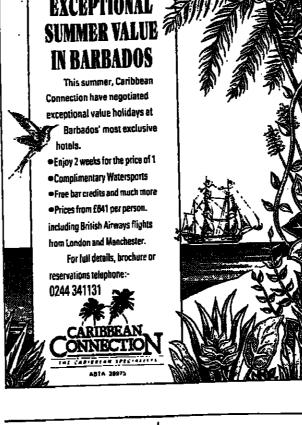
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Dawn over the Vientiane river: villagers cast their nets in the fish-rich shallows





Julia Orange rides the drovers' and

pilgrim route across North Wales to

Bardsey Island

ered, the 10-year-old exshowjumper, was asleep. His head swung dreamily back and forth, his bottom lip trembled as though he was about to burst into tears. I wondered, do horses dream?

Have they race memories of breastplates and charging into battle; of dragging coffins through towns, black plumed and terrible; of travelling with the Welsh Drovers? For Fred and I were about to fall into a time-warp together. The plan was a ride, of six days and roughly 180 miles across North Wales from Offa's Dyke on the Welsh border near Cheshire to the tip of the Lleyn Peninsula opposite Bardsey Island, where 2,000 saints are said to be buried.

This route was taken during the Middle Ages by a vast procession of pilgrims who believed that the Holy Island of Bardsey, while not quite Jerusalem, was close enough; that three trips there assured you of a place in heaven. And by Welsh cattle drovers, travelling in the opposite direction, driving seas of geese, sheep, and cattle to the richer markets of England.

In more recent times, some of these pilgrims' ways and bridleways have been blocked and forgotten. Now, thanks in great part to the Welsh members of the British Horse Society, the councils of Gwynedd and Clywd and one extraordinary lady called Daphne Tilley, we were able to ride the entire route from Chester to Aberdaron - the headland where small boats still take pilgrims to

Bardsey.
The whole route is to be waymarked and provided with special self-closing gates. Most of it is already accessible to anyone who can read a map and has a good horse. "So what about it?" shrieked Daphne, down the phone. "There'll be bogs and bulls and the occasional bad-tempered farmer but you'll never, ever forget it."

Daphne is an irresistible force. As a child she rode all over Snowdonia on a pit pony she bought for a tenner. She will tell you the names of wild flowers, birds and trees; all you'd ever want to know about sheep; how to swim beside a horse if you think it's drowning. She has that particularly



Journey's end: Daphne Tilley, the force behind the re-opening of the pilgrim route to Bardsey Island, where 2,000 saints lie buried, rides across Cable Bay

Welsh way of being intimate with history as though it all happened yesterday. But I didn't want history on the

first afternoon of our trip, I wanted an ice-cream. It was hot. The tar was melting on the roads. A ridiculous day for a ride. We left the main road where the

cars were thundering off the new A55 en route for Holyhead and sashayed down a track overhung with elderflower and beech trees. Daphne showed me, on the track beneath us, the brief patterns each generation had left: the straight lines of the Romans, the cobbles worn away by cartwheels, and the drovers' tracks with their wider erges for sheep and cattle.

After three hours, the hum of traffic died away, then stopped. We started to climb the foothills of the Clwydian range. Clip, clop, clip, clop, swish, creak: the sound is hypnotic.

At dusk the light became tender and we were well up one side of Moel Fammau, the highest mountain in the Clywdian range, up a path bordered on either side with windberries. A skylark was singing. We wound our way slowly round the contours of a huge and darkening hill underneath the Iron Age

fort of Moel Arthur. Then, suddenly, a Georgian house was conjured up out of the twilight. Two elegant white-haired figures were coming towards us. They were saying what fun and how jolly and would we like a very large whisky; "About half and half"?

'It's Dick and Jane Rowley Williams," said Daphne, who likes to keep her surprises up her sleeve. Dick is a racehorse-trainer, a sheep-farmer, and an artist; his wife Jane has a noted collection of plants. The family has lived in this house for five generations.

We ate supper at a huge table with the windows open to the honeysuckle-scented night. I slept as though I'd been felled.

The next day the plan was a ride of between 20 and 30 miles across the fertile Vale of Clwyd, then into the bogs and moors of Denbigh-shire. We picked up three other riders and clattered in convoy over a small stone bridge called London Bridge, where families once waved goodbye to drovers en route for London. The sense of slipping in and out of time is so strong, one wouldn't be altogether amazed to see the slow-moving stream of animals, or hear the drover's cry,

ta-ra thens, clutching a leaflet on Echoes of the past were even stronger on the third day of our mouth open.

journey in the gentle, rolling countryside of the Vale of Clwyd, with the more sombre Denbigh moors behind us. At twilight we began our climb in the foothills of the Carneddau - some of the wildest and highest mountains in Snowdonia. At the Pass of the Two Stones, the massive pylons of the national grid strode down like singing skeletons towards the sea. Close by, we saw a circle of Druid stones, and beside them, ionely figures in this desolate place, a group of hippies who were staying up all night for the summer

Full of feelings of peace, we were completely unprepared for the sight at dusk of one of the most frightening creatures we met on our journey — a Welsh farmer in a rage. He tore down the full like a human fireball, shricking with rage: "You had no bloody right to be on that

land no bloody right at all." With her English vowels getting Welsher by the moment, Daphne apologized for upsetting him. Said she owned 1,000 sheep herself and had no intention of letting his out. Left him with much yowing (daiawn is Welsh for very good) and . the pilgrim's route, and with his

Before Daphne attempted the ride she had. as a courtesy, contacted literally hundreds of farmers whose land we would be riding through. Almost all of them were in favour of re-opening ancient bridlepaths, because of the extra income it will generate in the housing of horses and humans. But those who weren't tended to be extremely anti, and once or twice we reached right-of-way gates which had been blocked by a very convenient fallen tree.

The next morning, after an old man directed us up a delightful track that abruptly turned into a dangerous mountain path, I won-

dered where his loyalties lay.
"Well, you said you wanted
adventure," Daphne reminded me
as, white about the lips, I looked down at the slippery narrow path with its soft edges and sheer drop. Fred was rigid with terror. When we got to the top he was foamed with sweat. I loosened his girth. He rested his large head in my hands. He sighed heavily.

At times like this you wonder about long-distance riding. Times when it all seems like a tiring,

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outmoded, inconvenient, occasionally alarming, pain in the bum. By the next morning after I'd soaked limbs twanging with tiredness in a Radox bath, all was

forgiven. We ate a marvellous breakfast at our hotel, Carreg Plas, once the home of the Abbots of Bardsey. We tacked up for the last time and moved in single file down a narrow lane, banks bursting with pennywort and foxgloves and wild cornflowers. It was a brilliantly sunny day; the breeze tasted of sea salt and Fred was stepping out gaily, and I wanted the day to go on, if not forever, for as long as possible. Hard times and the mountains were behind us, and beyond a long finger of gorse and windberry, like a full stop at the end of land, was Bardsey Island. I shared a Polo mint with Fred.

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Alma Guillermotrieto was

working as a journalist in Rio de Janeiro, living in the elegant opulence of Ipanema, and became intrigued by Brazil's black culture, which she glimpsed only through the conversation of her housemaid. But that was enough for her to become curious about the story behind the famous Carnival, that annual event which to most outsiders is merely a colourful minute of television featuring crowds of people wearing outrageous costumes, wide smiles, aban-doning themselves to the hyp-notic two-four beat of the music. The result was Samba (Jonathan Cape, £13.95) in which Guiller motrieto describes how she ventured into the favelas, Rio's ramshackle slams, to join the Mangueira samba school, Each year each of the fareles sends a samba school of 2.000 to 4,000 dancers and musicians to compete in the Carnival parade. The author followed the Mangueira school through the season from rehearsais to the Carnival itself, giving a fascinating insight into the poverty, politics and violence (the head of her school was murdered) behind the big event.

changing. In some, fishing and tourism are on the wane; others find their traditional character threatened by secers. In Britain Beside the Sea (Grafton, £5.99) Christopher Somerville describes the state of 33 towns. He writes of the renaissance of Brighton, the seediness of Southend, and of the fishermen of Anstruther, who plan to reel in the tourists when the last fish is harvested.

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